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1	Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Commerce Committee
2	Representative Tuck offered the following:
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4	Amendment (with title amendment)
5	Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:
6	Section 1. Paragraph (m) of subsection (2) of section
7	110.205, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
8	110.205 Career service; exemptions.—
9	(2) EXEMPT POSITIONS.—The exempt positions that are not
10	covered by this part include the following:
11	(m) All assistant division director, deputy division
12	director, and bureau chief positions in any department, and
13	those positions determined by the department to have managerial
14	responsibilities comparable to such positions, which include,
15	but are not limited to:
16	1. Positions in The Department of Health and the

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- Department of Children and Families which are assigned primary duties of serving as the superintendent or assistant superintendent of an institution.
- 2. Positions in The Department of Corrections which are assigned primary duties of serving as the warden, assistant warden, colonel, or major of an institution or that are assigned primary duties of serving as the circuit administrator or deputy circuit administrator.
- 3. Positions in The Department of Transportation which are assigned primary duties of serving as regional toll managers and managers of offices, as specified in s. 20.23(3)(b) and (4)(c).
- 4. Positions in The Department of Environmental Protection which are assigned the duty of an Environmental Administrator or program administrator.
- 5. Positions in The Department of Health which are assigned the duties of Environmental Administrator, Assistant County Health Department Director, and County Health Department Financial Administrator.
- 6. Positions in The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles which are assigned primary duties of serving as captains in the Florida Highway Patrol.
- 7. Positions in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer
 Services which are assigned primary duties of serving as
 captains or majors in the Office of Agricultural Law
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45 46 Unless otherwise fixed by law, the department shall set the salary and benefits of the positions listed in this paragraph in accordance with the rules established for the Selected Exempt Service.

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Section 2. Paragraphs (a) through (d) of subsection (2) of section 163.3162, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs (b) through (e), respectively, new paragraph (a) and paragraphs (f) and (g) are added to that subsection, and subsections (5), (6), and (7) are added to that section, to read:

- 163.3162 Agricultural Lands and Practices. -
- DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:
- (a) "Department" means the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
- (f) "Housing site" means the totality of development supporting authorized housing, including buildings, mobile homes, barracks, dormitories used as living quarters, parking areas, common areas such as athletic fields or playgrounds, storage structures, and other related structures.
- (g) "Legally verified agricultural worker" means a person who:
 - 1. Is lawfully present in the United States;
- 2. Meets the definition of eligible worker pursuant to 29 C.F.R. s. 502.10;

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- 4. Is seasonally or annually employed in a bona fide agricultural production;
- 5. Remains lawfully present and authorized to work throughout the duration of that employment; and
- 6. Is not an unauthorized alien as defined in s. 448.095(1).
 - (5) HOUSING FOR LEGALLY VERIFIED AGRICULTURAL WORKERS.-
- (a) A governmental entity may not adopt or enforce any legislation, regulation, or ordinance to inhibit the construction or installation of housing for legally verified agricultural workers on land classified as agricultural land pursuant to s. 193.461 which is operated as a bona fide farm except as provided in this subsection.
- (b) Construction or installation of housing units for legally verified agricultural workers on parcels of land classified as agricultural land under s. 193.461 must satisfy all of the following criteria:
- 1. The dwelling units must meet federal, state, and local building standards, including standards of the Department of Health adopted pursuant to ss. 381.008-381.00897 and federal standards for H-2A visa housing. If a written notice of intent is required to be submitted to the Department of Health pursuant to s. 381.0083, the appropriate governmental entity with

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- 2. The housing site must be maintained in a neat, orderly, and safe manner.
- 3. All structures containing dwelling units must be located a minimum of 10 feet apart.
- 4. The square footage of the housing site's climatecontrolled facilities may not exceed 1.5 percent of the property's area or 35,000 square feet, whichever is less.
- 5. A housing site must provide front, side, and rear yard setbacks of at least 50 feet. However, an internal project driveway may be located in the required yard space if the yard is adjacent to a public roadway or to property that is under common ownership with the housing site.
- 6. A housing site may not be located less than 100 feet from a property line adjacent to property zoned for residential use. If the housing site is located less than 250 feet from any property line, screening must be provided between the housing site and any residentially developed adjacent parcels that are under different ownership. The screening may be designed in any of the following ways:
- <u>a. Evergreen plants that, at the time of planting, are at least 6 feet in height and provide an overall screening opacity of 75 percent;</u>
- b. A masonry wall at least 6 feet in height and finished

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- c. A solid wood or PVC fence at least 6 feet in height with the finished side of the fence facing out;
- d. A row of evergreen shade trees that, at the time of planting, are at least 10 feet in height, a minimum of 2-inch caliper, and spaced no more than 20 feet apart; or
- e. A berm made with a combination of the materials listed in sub-subparagraphs a.-d., which is at least 6 feet in height and provides an overall screening opacity of 75 percent at the time of installation.
- 7. All access driveways that serve the housing site must be made of packed shell, gravel, or a similar material that will provide a relatively dust-free surface.
- (c) Any local ordinance adopted pursuant to this subsection must comply with all state and federal regulations for migrant farmworker housing, as applicable, including rules adopted by the Department of Health pursuant to ss. 381.008-381.00897 and federal regulations under the Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act or the H-2A visa program. A governmental entity may adopt local government land use regulations that are less restrictive than this subsection, but which still meet regulations established by the Department of Health pursuant to ss. 381.008-381.00897 and federal regulations under the Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act or the H-2A visa program. An ordinance adopted pursuant to

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- (d) Beginning July 1, 2025, a property owner must maintain records of all approved permits, including successor permits, for migrant labor camps or residential migrant housing as required under s. 381.0081. A property owner must maintain such records for at least 3 years and make the records available for inspection within 14 days after receipt of a request for records by a governmental entity.
- (e) A housing site may not continue to be used and may be required to be removed under the following circumstances:
- 1. If, for any reason, a housing site is not being used for legally verified agricultural workers for longer than 365 days, any structure used as living quarters must be removed from the housing site within 180 days after receipt of written notification from the county unless the property owner can demonstrate that use of the site for housing legally verified agricultural workers will occur within 90 days after the written notification.
- 2. If the property on which the housing site is located ceases to be classified as agricultural land pursuant to s. 193.461.
- 3. If the permit authorized by the Department of Health for the housing site is revoked, all structures must be removed from the housing site within 180 days after receipt of written

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notification from the county unless the permit is reinstated by
the Department of Health.

- 4. If a housing site is found to be occupied by any person who does not meet the definition of a legally verified agricultural worker, or is otherwise unlawfully present in the United States. A property owner who violates this subparagraph is subject to a Class I fine pursuant to s. 570.971, not to exceed \$1,000, for the first violation, and a Class II fine, not to exceed \$5,000, for any subsequent violations. The fines shall be collected by the clerk of the court of the county in which the violation occurred.
- (f) Notwithstanding this subsection, the construction or installation of housing for legally verified agricultural workers in the Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern and the City of Key West Area of Critical State Concern is subject to the permit allocation systems of the Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern and the City of Key West Area of Critical State Concern, respectively.
- (g) A housing site that was constructed and in use before
 July 1, 2024, may continue to be used, and the property owner
 may not be required by a governmental entity to make changes to
 meet the requirements of this subsection, unless the housing
 site will be enlarged, remodeled, renovated, or rehabilitated.
 The property owner of a housing site authorized under this
 paragraph must provide regular maintenance and repair, including

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192	compliance with health and safety regulations and maintenance
193	standards, for such housing site to ensure the health, safety,
194	and habitability of the housing site.

- (6) DATA COLLECTION.—The department shall adopt rules providing for:
- (a) A method for governmental entities to submit reports of property owners who have a housing site for legally verified agriculture workers on lands classified as agricultural land pursuant to s. 193.461, as provided in this section.
- (b) A method for persons to submit complaints for review and investigation by the department.

Governmental entities shall provide this information quarterly to the department in a format and timeframe prescribed by rule.

(7) ENFORCEMENT.—

- (a) In addition to the enforcement methods of employment verification outlined in s. 448.095, the department shall enforce the requirements of subsection (5). Enforcement includes completing routine inspections based on a random sample of data collected by governmental entities and submitted to the department, the investigation and review of complaints, and the enforcement of violations.
- (b) The department shall submit the information collected to the State Board of Immigration Enforcement on a quarterly basis, except that the first quarter shall begin 60 days after

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Section 3. Subsection (3) of section 201.25, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 201.25 Tax exemptions for certain loans.—There shall be exempt from all taxes imposed by this chapter:
- (3) Any loan made by the Agriculture and Aquaculture Producers <u>Emergency Natural Disaster</u> Recovery Loan Program pursuant to s. 570.822.
- Section 4. Subsection (19) is added to section 253.0341, Florida Statutes, to read:
 - 253.0341 Surplus of state-owned lands.-
- (19) Notwithstanding any other law or rule, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services may surplus lands acquired pursuant to s. 366.20 which are determined to be suitable for bona fide agricultural production, as defined in s. 193.461. The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall consult with the Department of Environmental Protection in the process of making such determination. In the event that lands acquired pursuant to s. 366.20, which are determined to be suitable for bona fide agricultural production are surplused, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services must retain a rural-lands-protection easements pursuant to s. 570.71(3), and all proceeds must be deposited into the Incidental Trust Fund within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for less than

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242	fee simple land acquisition pursuant to ss. 570.71 and 570.715.
243	By January 1, 2026, and each January 1 thereafter, the
244	Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall provide a
245	report of lands surplused pursuant to this subsection to the
246	board.

- (a) Any lands designated as a state forest, state park, or wildlife management area are ineligible to be surplused pursuant to this subsection.
 - (b) This subsection is retroactive to January 1, 2009.
- Section 5. Paragraphs (a) through (d) and (e) of subsection (2) of section 330.41, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs (b) through (e) and (j), respectively, subsection (6) is renumbered as subsection (8), paragraph (d) of subsection (4) of that section is amended, a new paragraph (a) and paragraphs (f) through (i) are added to subsection (2), and new subsections (6) and (7) are added to that section, to read:
 - 330.41 Unmanned Aircraft Systems Act.-
 - (2) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this act, the term:
- (a) "Commercial property" means real property other than residential property. The term includes, but is not limited to, a property zoned multifamily residential which is comprised of five or more dwelling units, and real property used for commercial, industrial, or agricultural purposes.
 - (f) "Private property" means any residential or commercial

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- of real property. The term includes real property held in trust for the benefit of one or more individuals, in which case the individual or individuals may be considered as the property owner or owners, provided that the trustee provides written consent. The term does not include persons renting, using, living, or otherwise occupying real property.
- (h) "Residential property" means real property zoned as residential or multifamily residential and composed of four or fewer dwelling units.
- (i) "Sport shooting and training range" has the same meaning as in s. 790.333(3)(h).
 - (4) PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES.—
- (d) This subsection and <u>paragraph (2)(b)</u> paragraph (2)(a) shall sunset 60 days after the date that a process pursuant to s. 2209 of the FAA Extension, Safety and Security Act of 2016 becomes effective.
 - (6) PROTECTION OF AGRICULTURAL LANDS.-
- (a) A person may not knowingly or willfully do any of the following on lands classified as agricultural lands pursuant to s. 193.461:
 - 1. Operate a drone.
- 290 <u>2. Allow a drone to make contact with any person or object</u>
 291 on the premises of or within the boundaries of such lands.

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292	3. Allow a drone to come within a distance close enough to
293	such lands to interfere with or cause a disturbance to
294	agricultural production.
295	(b) A person who violates paragraph (a) commits a
296	misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s.
297	775.082 or s. 775.083. A person who commits a second or
298	subsequent violation commits a misdemeanor of the first degree,
299	punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.
300	(c) This subsection does not apply to actions identified
301	in paragraph (a) which are committed by:
302	1. The owner of the agricultural lands;
303	2. A person acting under the prior written consent of the
304	owner of the agricultural lands; or
305	3. A person or entity acting in compliance with the
306	provisions of s. 934.50.
307	(7) PROTECTION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY AND STATE HUNTING
308	LANDS.—
309	(a) A person may not knowingly or willfully allow a drone
310	to make contact with private property, state wildlife management
311	lands, or a sport shooting and training range or any person or
312	object on the premises of or within such property with the
313	intent to harass.
314	(b) A person who violates paragraph (a) commits a
315	misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s.
316	775.082 or s. 775.083. A person who commits a second or

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317	subsequent violation commits a misdemeanor of the first degree,
318	punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.
319	(c) A person who violates paragraph (a) and records video
320	of the private property, state wildlife management lands, or
321	sport shooting and training range, including any person or
322	object on the premises of or within the private property, state
323	wildlife management lands, or sport shooting and training range,
324	commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as
325	provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. A person who commits a
326	second or subsequent violation commits a felony of the third
327	degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s.
328	775.084.
329	(d) This subsection does not apply to actions identified
330	in paragraph (a) which are committed by:
331	1. The owner of the private property or sport shooting and
332	training range;
333	2. A person acting under the prior written consent of the
334	owner of the private property or sport shooting and training
335	range; or
336	3. A person or entity acting in compliance with the
337	provisions of s. 934.50.
338	Section 6. Effective July, 31 2026, section 366.20,
339	Florida Statutes, is created to read:
340	366.20 Sale and management of lands owned by electric
341	utilities

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(1) Lands acquired by an electric utility, as defined in
s. 366.02(4), on or after January 1, 2009, which have been
classified as agricultural lands pursuant to s. 193.461 at any
time in the 5 years preceding the acquisition of the land by the
electric utility must be offered for fee simple acquisition to
the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services through the
process outlined in subsection (3) before offering for sale or
transferring the land to a private individual or entity.

- (2) Lands owned by an electric utility, as defined in s. 366.02(4), on or after January 1, 2009, which were classified as agricultural lands pursuant to s. 193.461 at any time in the 5 years preceding the date of acquisition of the land by the electric utility must be offered for fee simple acquisition to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services through the process outlined in subsection (3) before offering for sale or transferring the land to a private individual or entity.
- (3) (a) Within 30 days before offering for sale or transferring lands identified pursuant to subsection (1) or subsection (2) to a private individual or entity, an electric utility must issue a written intent to sell by certified mail to the Commissioner of Agriculture.
- (b) Within 30 days after the date of receipt by certified mail of the written intent to sell by an electric utility, the Commissioner of Agriculture may issue a written intent to purchase by certified mail to the electric utility. If the

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367	Commissioner of Agriculture declines, or does not issue an
368	intent to purchase within 30 days, the electric utility is
369	released from the requirements of this section.
370	(4) Offers accepted by the Department of Agriculture and
371	Consumer Services pursuant to paragraph (3)(b) which are
372	received no later than 6 months before the start of the regular
373	legislative session must be executed no later than July 31
374	following that regular legislative session.
375	(5) The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
376	shall adopt rules to implement this section.
377	Section 7. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 366.94,
378	Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (4) and (5),
379	respectively, subsection (2) of that section is amended, and a
380	new subsection (3) is added to that section, to read:
381	366.94 Electric vehicle charging
382	(2)(a) As used in this section, the term "electric vehicle
383	charging station" means the area in the immediate vicinity of
384	electric vehicle supply equipment and includes the electric
385	vehicle supply equipment, supporting equipment, and associated
386	parking spaces. The regulation of electric vehicle charging
387	stations is preempted to the state.

(3) (a) (b) The Department of Agriculture and Consumer 608325 - h0651-strike.docx

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(b) (a) A local governmental entity may not enact or

enforce an ordinance or regulation related to electric vehicle

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- (b) The department may adopt rules to protect the public health, safety, and welfare and establish standards for the placement, design, installation, maintenance, and operation of electric vehicle charging stations.
- (c) Local governmental entities shall issue permits for electric vehicle charging stations based solely upon standards established by department rule and other applicable provisions of state law. The department shall prescribe by rule the time period for approving or denying permit applications.
- (d) Before a charger at an electric vehicle charging station is placed into service for use by the public, the charger must be registered with the department on a form prescribed by department rule.
- (e) The department shall have the authority to inspect electric vehicle charging stations, conduct investigations, and enforce this subsection and any rules adopted under this subsection. The department may impose one or more of the following penalties against a person who violates this subsection or any rule adopted under this subsection:
 - 1. Issuance of a warning letter.
- 2. Imposition of an administrative fine in the Class II 416 category pursuant to s. 570.971 for each violation.

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(f) If the department determines that an electric vehicle
charging station or any associated equipment presents a threat
to the public health, safety, or welfare, the department may
issue an immediate final order prohibiting the use of the
electric vehicle charging station or any portion thereof.

- g) In addition to the remedies provided in this subsection, and notwithstanding the existence of any adequate remedy at law, the department may bring an action to enjoin a violation of this subsection or rules adopted under this subsection in the circuit court of the county in which the violation occurs or is about to occur. Upon demonstration of competent and substantial evidence by the department to the court of the violation or threatened violation, the court shall immediately issue the temporary or permanent injunction sought by the department. The injunction must be issued without bond.
- Section 8. Subsections (10) and (11) of section 388.011, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (11) and (12), respectively, subsections (2) and (5) of that section are amended, and a new subsection (10) is added to that section, to read:

388.011 Definitions.—As used in this chapter:

(2) "Board of commissioners" means the governing body of any mosquito control <u>program</u> district, and may include boards of county commissioners, city councils, municipalities, or other similar governing bodies when context so indicates.

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- (5) "District" means any mosquito control <u>special</u> district established in this state by law for the express purpose of controlling arthropods within boundaries of such <u>said</u> districts.
- (10) "Program" means any governmental jurisdiction that conducts mosquito control, whether it be a special district, county, or municipality.

Section 9. Section 388.021, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

388.021 Creation of mosquito control special districts.-

- (1) The abatement or suppression of arthropods, whether disease-bearing or merely pestiferous, within any or all counties of this state is advisable and necessary for the maintenance and betterment of the comfort, health, and welfare of the people thereof and is found and declared to be for public purposes. Areas where arthropods incubate, hatch, or occur in significant numbers so as to constitute a public health, welfare, or nuisance problem may be controlled or abated as provided in this chapter or the rules adopted under this chapter promulgated hereunder. Therefore, any municipality eity, town, or county, or any portion or portions thereof, whether such portion or portions include incorporated territory or portions of two or more counties in the state, may be created into a special taxing district for the control of arthropods under the provisions of this chapter.
- (2) It is the legislative intent that those mosquito 608325 h0651-strike.docx

control districts established prior to July 1, 1980, pursuant to the petition process contained in former s. 388.031, may continue to operate as outlined in this chapter. However, on and after that date, no mosquito control districts may be created except pursuant to s. 125.01.

Section 10. Section 388.181, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

388.181 Power to do all things necessary.—The respective programs districts of the state are hereby fully authorized to do and perform all things necessary to carry out the intent and purposes of this law.

Section 11. Subsections (1), (2), (4), and (5) of section 388.201, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

388.201 Program District budgets; hearing.-

(1) The fiscal year of <u>programs</u> districts operating under the provisions of this chapter shall be the 12-month period extending from October 1 of one year through September 30 of the following year. The governing board of the <u>programs</u> district shall before July 15 of each year complete the preparation of a tentative detailed work plan budget covering its proposed operations and requirements for arthropod control measures during the ensuing fiscal year and, for the purpose of determining eligibility for state aid, shall submit copies as may be required to the department for review and approval. The tentative detailed work plan budget <u>must shall</u> set forth,

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classified by account number, title and program items, and by fund from which to be paid, the proposed expenditures of the program district for construction, for acquisition of land, and other purposes, for the operation and maintenance of the program's district's works, the conduct of the program district generally, to which may be added an amount to be held as a reserve.

- also show the estimated amount which will appear at the beginning of the fiscal year as obligated upon commitments made but uncompleted, There shall be shown the estimated unobligated or net balance which will be on hand at the beginning of the fiscal year, and the estimated amount to be raised by county, municipality, or district taxes and from any and all other sources for meeting the program's the district's requirements.
 - (4) The governing board shall:
- (a) Shall Consider objections filed against adoption of the tentative detailed work plan budget and in its discretion may amend, modify, or change such budget; and
- (b) Shall By September 30_r adopt and execute on a form furnished by the department a certified budget for the <u>programs</u> district which shall be the operating and fiscal guide for the <u>program</u> district. Certified copies of this budget <u>must shall</u> be submitted by September 30 to the department for approval.
- (5) County commissioners' mosquito and arthropod control 608325 h0651-strike.docx

budgets or the budgets of a similar governing body of a county, city, or town must shall be made and adopted as prescribed by subsections (1) and (2); summary figures must shall be incorporated into the county budgets as prescribed by the Department of Financial Services.

Section 12. Section 388.241, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

388.241 Board of county commissioners vested with powers and duties of board of commissioners in certain counties.—In those counties or municipalities where there has been no formation of a separate or special board of commissioners, all the rights, powers, and duties of a board of commissioners as conferred in this chapter shall be vested in the board of county commissioners or similar governing body of such said county or municipality.

Section 13. Section 388.261, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

388.261 State aid to counties, municipalities, and districts for arthropod control; distribution priorities and limitations.—

(1) A county, municipality, or district may, without contributing matching funds, receive state funds, supplies, services, or equipment in an amount of no more than $\frac{$75,000}{$50,000}$ per year for up to 3 years for any new program for the control of mosquitoes and other arthropods which serves an area

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not previously served by the county, municipality, or district. These funds may be expended for any and all types of control measures approved by the department.

- Every county, municipality, or district budgeting local funds to be used exclusively for the control of mosquitoes and other arthropods, under a plan submitted by the county, municipality, or district and approved by the department, is eligible to receive state funds and supplies, services, and equipment on a dollar-for-dollar matching basis to the amount of local funds budgeted. If state funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to grant each county, municipality, or district state funds on a dollar-for-dollar matching basis to the amount budgeted in local funds, the department must shall distribute the funds as prescribed by rule. Such rules must shall provide for up to 80 percent of the funds to be distributed to programs with local funds for mosquito control budgets of less than \$1 million, if the county, municipality, or district meets the eligibility requirements. The funds must shall be distributed as equally as possible within the category of counties pursuant to this section. The remaining funds must shall be distributed as prescribed by rule among the remaining counties to support mosquito control and to support research, education, and outreach.
- (3) Every county shall be limited to receive a total of \$120,000 of state funds, exclusive of state funds brought

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forward, during any one year.

- (4) Up to 20 percent of the annual funds appropriated to local governments for arthropod control may be used for arthropod control research or demonstration projects as approved by the department.
- (5) If more than one <u>program</u> local mosquito control agency exists in a county <u>or municipality</u>, the funds <u>must shall</u> be prorated between the <u>programs</u> agencies based on the population served by each <u>program</u> agency.
- (6) The Commissioner of Agriculture may exempt counties, municipalities, or districts from the requirements in subsection (1) or_{τ} subsection (2), or subsection (3) when the department determines state funds, supplies, services, or equipment are necessary for the immediate control of mosquitoes and other arthropods that pose a threat to human or animal health.
- (7) The department may use state funds appropriated for a county, municipality, or district under subsection (1) or subsection (2) to provide state mosquito or other arthropod control equipment, supplies, or services when requested by a county, municipality, or district eligible to receive state funds under s. 388.271.
- (8) The department is authorized to use up to 5 percent of the funds appropriated annually by the Legislature under this section to provide technical assistance to the counties, municipalities, or districts, or to purchase equipment,

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supplies, or services necessary to administer the provisions of this chapter.

Section 14. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 388.271, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

388.271 Prerequisites to participation.-

- (1) When state funds are involved, it is the duty of the department to guide, review, approve, and coordinate the activities of all county and municipal governments and special districts receiving state funds in furtherance of the goal of integrated arthropod control. Each program county eligible to participate may, and each district must, begin participation on October 1 of any year by filing with the department not later than July 15 a tentative integrated arthropod management plan work plan and tentative detailed work plan budget providing for the control of arthropods. Following approval of the plan and budget by the department, a copy two copies of the program's county's or district's certified budget based on the approved integrated arthropod management work plan and detailed work plan budget must shall be submitted to the department by September 30 following. State funds, supplies, and services must shall be made available to such program county or district by and through the department immediately upon release of funds by the Executive Office of the Governor.
- (2) All purchases of supplies, materials, and equipment by programs must counties or districts shall be made in accordance

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with the laws governing purchases by boards of county commissioners or similar governing bodies, except that programs districts with special laws relative to competitive bidding shall make purchases in accordance therewith.

Section 15. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 388.281, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

388.281 Use of state matching funds.—

- (1) All funds, supplies, and services released to programs under this chapter must counties and districts hereunder shall be used in accordance with the integrated arthropod management detailed work plan and certified budget approved by both the department and the board of commissioners or an appropriate representative county or district. The integrated arthropod management plan and budget may be amended at any time upon prior approval of the department.
- (3) In any <u>program</u> county or district where the arthropod problem has been eliminated, or reduced to such an extent that it does not constitute a health, comfort, or economic problem as determined by the department, the maximum amount of state funds available under this chapter shall be reduced to the amount necessary to meet actual need.

Section 16. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 388.291, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

388.291 Source reduction measures; supervision by department.—

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- reduction measures in conformity with good engineering practices in any area, provided that the department cooperating with the county, municipality, or district has approved the operating or construction plan as outlined in the integrated arthropod management plan and that it has been determined by criteria contained in rule that the area or areas to be controlled would produce arthropods in significant numbers to constitute a health or nuisance problem.
- detailed business affairs and supervise the said work, and the department shall advise the programs districts as to the best and most effective measures to be used in bringing about better temporary control and the permanent elimination of breeding conditions. The department may at its discretion discontinue any state aid provided under this chapter if hereunder in the event it finds the jointly agreed upon program is not being followed or is not efficiently and effectively administered.

Section 17. Section 388.301, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

388.301 Payment of state funds; supplies and services.—
State funds shall be payable quarterly, in accordance with the rules of the department, upon requisition by the department to the Chief Financial Officer. The department is authorized to furnish insecticides, chemicals, materials, equipment, vehicles,

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and personnel in lieu of state funds where mass purchasing may save funds for the state, or where it would be more practical and economical to use equipment, supplies, and services between two or more programs counties or districts.

Section 18. Section 388.311, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

388.311 Carry over of state funds and local funds.—State and local funds budgeted for the control of mosquitoes and other arthropods shall be carried over at the end of the <u>program's</u> county or district's fiscal year, and rebudgeted for such control measures the following fiscal year.

Section 19. Section 388.321, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

388.321 Equipment to become property of a program the county or district.—All equipment purchased under this chapter with state funds made available directly to a program the county or district shall become the property of the program county or district unless otherwise provided, and may be traded in on other equipment, or sold, when no longer needed by the program county or district.

Section 20. Section 388.322, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

388.322 Record and inventory of certain property.—A record and inventory of certain property <u>purchased with state funds for arthropod control use</u> owned by the <u>program must district shall</u>

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Section 21. Section 388.323, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

388.323 Disposal of surplus property.—Surplus property shall be disposed of according to the provisions set forth in s. 274.05 with the following exceptions:

- (1) Serviceable equipment <u>purchased using state funds for arthropod control use</u> no longer needed by a <u>program must county or district shall</u> first be offered to any or all other <u>programs counties or districts</u> engaged in arthropod control at a price established by the board of commissioners owning the equipment.
- (2) The alternative procedure for disposal of surplus property, as prescribed in s. 274.06, <u>must shall</u> be followed if it is determined that no other <u>program county or district</u> engaged in arthropod control has need for the equipment.
- (3) All proceeds from the sale of any real or tangible personal property owned by the <u>program and purchased using state funds county or district</u> shall be deposited in the <u>program's county's or district's</u> state fund account unless otherwise specifically designated by the department.

Section 22. Section 388.341, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

388.341 Reports of expenditures and accomplishments.—Each program receiving state aid county and district participating under the provisions of this chapter shall within 30 days after

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the end of each month submit to the department a monthly report for the preceding month of expenditures from all funds for arthropod control, and <u>each program participating under this chapter shall provide</u> such reports of activities and accomplishments as may be required by the department.

Section 23. Section 388.351, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

388.351 Transfer of equipment, personnel, and supplies during an emergency.—The department, upon notifying a <u>program</u> county or district and obtaining its approval, is authorized to transfer equipment, materials, and personnel from one <u>program</u> district to another in the event of an emergency brought about by an arthropod-borne epidemic or other disaster requiring emergency control.

Section 24. Subsection (7) of section 388.361, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

388.361 Department authority and rules; administration.-

(7) The department shall have the authority to collect, detect, suppress, and control mosquitoes and other arthropods that are determined by the State Health Officer to pose a threat to public health, or determined by the Commissioner of Agriculture to pose a threat to animal health, wherever they may occur on public or private land in this state, and to do all things necessary in the exercise of such authority. Before Prior to the start of treatments for the control of mosquitoes or

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other arthropods, the department shall consult with the mosquito control programs districts in the proposed treatment areas, the Department of Health, the Department of Environmental Protection, and the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission regarding the proposed locations, dates, and methods to be used.

Section 25. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 388.3711, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

388.3711 Enforcement.-

- (2) The department may <u>issue a written warning</u>, impose a <u>fine</u>; deny, suspend, or revoke any license or certification, or the disbursal of state aid; or deny participation, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 120, upon any one or more of the following grounds as may be applicable:
- (a) Violation of any rule of the department or provision of this chapter.
- (b) Violation of FIFRA or any relevant EPA rule or regulation pertaining to the use of arthropod control pesticides by the licensee.
- (c) Failure to give the department, or any authorized representative thereof, true information upon request regarding methods and materials used, work performed, or other information essential to the administration of this chapter.
- (3) The department may, if it finds a violation is of such nature or circumstances that <u>imposition of a fine</u>, or denial, revocation, or suspension of a certification or license or

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disbursal of state aid would be detrimental to the public or be unnecessarily harsh under the circumstances, in its discretion, place the offending party on probation for a period of not more than 2 years. If the department determines that the terms of such probation have been violated, it may reinstitute license or certification or state aid denial, suspension, or revocation proceedings.

Section 26. Section 388.381, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

388.381 Cooperation by <u>programs</u> counties and district.—Any <u>program conducting</u> county or district carrying on an arthropod control program may cooperate with another county, district, or municipality in carrying out <u>work</u> a <u>program</u> for the control of mosquitoes and other arthropods, by agreement as to the program and reimbursement thereof, when approved by the department.

Section 27. Section 388.391, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

388.391 Control measures in municipalities and portions of counties located outside boundaries of <u>programs</u> districts.—Any <u>program</u> district whose operation is limited to a portion of the county in which it is located may perform any control measures authorized by this chapter in any municipality located in the same county or in any portions of the same county, where there is no established <u>program</u> district, when requested to do so by the municipality or county, pursuant to s. 388.381.

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Section	28.	Section	388.401,	Florida	Statutes,	is	amended
to read:							

Whoever shall willfully damages damage any of the property of any program county or district created under this or other chapters, or any works constructed, maintained, or controlled by such program county or district, or who obstructs shall obstruct or causes cause to be obstructed any of the operations of such program county or district, or who shall knowingly or willfully violates violate any provisions of this chapter or any rule or regulation adopted promulgated by any board of commissioners of any program, commits county or district shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

Section 29. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 388.46, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

388.46 Florida Coordinating Council on Mosquito Control; establishment; membership; organization; responsibilities.—

- (2) MEMBERSHIP, ORGANIZATION, AND RESPONSIBILITIES. -
- (a) Membership.—The Florida Coordinating Council on Mosquito Control shall be composed comprised of the following representatives or their authorized designees:
 - 1. The Secretary of Environmental Protection.
 - 2. The State Surgeon General.
 - 3. The executive director of the Fish and Wildlife

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- 4. The state epidemiologist.
- 5. The Commissioner of Agriculture.
- 820 6. The Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust 821 Fund.
 - 7. Representatives from:
 - a. The University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, Florida Medical Entomological Research Laboratory.
 - b. The United States Environmental Protection Agency.
 - c. The United States Department of Agriculture, <u>Center of Medical</u>, <u>Agricultural</u>, and <u>Veterinary Entomology Insects</u> Affecting Man Laboratory.
 - d. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service.
 - 8. Four Two mosquito control directors to be nominated by the Florida Mosquito Control Association, two representatives of Florida environmental groups, and two private citizens who are property owners whose lands are regularly subject to mosquito control operations, to be appointed to 4-year terms by the Commissioner of Agriculture and serve until his or her successor is appointed.

Section 30. Paragraph (d) of subsection (7) of section 403.067, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

403.067 Establishment and implementation of total maximum daily loads.—

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- (d) Enforcement and verification of basin management action plans and management strategies.—
- 1. Basin management action plans are enforceable pursuant to this section and ss. 403.121, 403.141, and 403.161.

 Management strategies, including best management practices and water quality monitoring, are enforceable under this chapter.
 - 2. No later than January 1, 2017:
- a. The department, in consultation with the water management districts and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, shall initiate rulemaking to adopt procedures to verify implementation of water quality monitoring required in lieu of implementation of best management practices or other measures pursuant to sub-subparagraph (b)2.g.;
- b. The department, in consultation with the water management districts and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, shall initiate rulemaking to adopt procedures to verify implementation of nonagricultural interim measures, best management practices, or other measures adopted by rule pursuant to subparagraph (c)1.; and
- c. The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, in consultation with the water management districts and the department, shall initiate rulemaking to adopt procedures to verify implementation of agricultural interim measures, best

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management practices, or other measures adopted by rule pursuant to subparagraph (c)2.

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The rules required under this subparagraph shall include enforcement procedures applicable to the landowner, discharger, or other responsible person required to implement applicable management strategies, including best management practices or water quality monitoring as a result of noncompliance.

- At least every 2 years, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall perform onsite inspections of each agricultural producer that enrolls in a best management practice, except those enrolled by rule in subparagraph 4., to ensure that such practice is being properly implemented. Such verification must include a collection and review of the best management practice documentation from the previous 2 years required by rules adopted pursuant to subparagraph (c) 2., including, but not limited to, nitrogen and phosphorus fertilizer application records, which must be collected and retained pursuant to subparagraphs (c) 3., 4., and 6. The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall initially prioritize the inspection of agricultural producers located in the basin management action plans for Lake Okeechobee, the Indian River Lagoon, the Caloosahatchee River and Estuary, and Silver Springs.
 - 4. The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is

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authorized to adopt rules establishing an enrollment in best
management practices by rule process that agricultural pollutant
sources and agricultural producers may use in lieu of the best
management practices adopted in paragraph (c) and identify best
management practices for landowners of parcels which meet all of
the following requirements:

- a. A parcel not more than 25 acres in size.
- b. A parcel designated as agricultural land use by the county in which it is located or the parcel is granted agricultural tax classification by the county property appraiser of the county in which it is located.
- c. A parcel with water use not exceeding 100,000 gallons per day on average unless the entire use is met using recycled water from wet detention treatment ponds or reuse water.
- d. A parcel where the agricultural activity on the parcel is not a vegetable crop, an agronomic crop, a nursery, or a dairy operation.
- <u>e. A parcel not abutting an impaired water body identified</u> in subsection (4).
- f. A parcel not part of a larger operation that is enrolled in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services best management practices or conducting water quality monitoring prescribed by the department or a water management district.

Such requirements must specify design or performance criteria

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that, if applied, would result in compliance with appropriate
water quality standards. The Department of Agriculture and
Consumer Services is authorized to adopt additional eligibility
criteria for landowners or producers to use enrollment by rule
and to revoke enrollment by rule.

5. The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
shall annually perform onsite inspections of 20 percent for all

shall annually perform onsite inspections of 20 percent for all enrollments that meet the qualifications pursuant to subparagraph 4. by rule within basin management action plan areas, to ensure that practices are being properly implemented. Such inspections must include a collection and review of the identified best management practice documentation from the previous 2 years required by rules adopted pursuant to subparagraph (c)2. All agricultural producers enrolled by rule in a best management practice must annually submit nutrient records, including nitrogen and phosphorus application records for the previous calendar year, to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services as required by rules adopted pursuant to subparagraph (c)2. The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall collect and retain these nutrient records pursuant to subparagraphs (c)3., 4., and 6.

Section 31. Subsection (19) is added to section 403.852, Florida Statutes, to read:

940 403.852 Definitions; ss. 403.850-403.864.—As used in ss. 403.850-403.864:

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943	additive, or substance that is used in a public water system for
944	the purpose of:
945	(a) Meeting or surpassing primary or secondary drinking
946	water standards;
947	(b) Preventing, reducing, or removing contaminants; or
948	(c) Improving water quality.
949	Section 32. Subsection (8) is added to section 403.859,
950	Florida Statutes, to read:
951	403.859 Prohibited acts.—The following acts and the
952	causing thereof are prohibited and are violations of this act:
953	(8) The use of any additive in a public water system that
954	does not meet the definition of a water quality additive as
955	defined in s. 403.852(19).
956	Section 33. Subsection (10) of section 482.111, Florida
957	Statutes, is amended to read:
958	482.111 Pest control operator's certificate
959	(10) In order to renew a certificate, the
960	certificateholder must complete 2 hours of approved continuing
961	education on legislation, safety, pesticide labeling, and
962	integrated pest management and 2 hours of approved continuing
963	education in each category of her or his certificate or must
964	pass an examination that the department shall provide in person
965	and remotely through a third-party vendor. The third-party
966	vendor may collect and retain a convenience fee given by the

(19) "Water quality additive" means any chemical,

department. The department may not renew a certificate if the continuing education or examination requirement is not met.

- (a) Courses or programs, to be considered for credit, must include one or more of the following topics:
- 1. The law and rules of this state pertaining to pest control.
- 2. Precautions necessary to safeguard life, health, and property in the conducting of pest control and the application of pesticides.
- 3. Pests, their habits, recognition of the damage they cause, and identification of them by accepted common name.
- 4. Current accepted industry practices in the conducting of fumigation, termites and other wood-destroying organisms pest control, lawn and ornamental pest control, and household pest control.
- 5. How to read labels, a review of current state and federal laws on labeling, and a review of changes in or additions to labels used in pest control.
 - 6. Integrated pest management.
- (b) The certificateholder must submit with her or his application for renewal a statement certifying that she or he has completed the required number of hours of continuing education. The statement must be on a form prescribed by the department and must identify at least the date, location, provider, and subject of the training and must provide such

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992 other information as required by the depart

(c) The department shall charge the same fee for examination as provided in s. 482.141(2).

Section 34. Subsection (1) of section 482.141, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

482.141 Examinations.

(1) Each individual seeking certification must satisfactorily pass an examination which must be written but which may include practical demonstration. The department shall provide in-person and remote testing through a third-party vendor. A third-party vendor may collect and retain a convenience fee hold at least two examinations each year. An applicant may seek certification in one or more categories.

Section 35. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 482.155, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

482.155 Limited certification for governmental pesticide applicators or private applicators.—

(1)

(b) A person seeking limited certification under this subsection must pass an examination that the department shall provide in person and remotely through a third-party vendor. The third-party vendor may collect and retain a convenience fee given or approved by the department. Each application for examination must be accompanied by an examination fee set by the department, in an amount of not more than \$150 or less than \$50;

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and a recertification fee of \$25 every 4 years. Until rules setting these fees are adopted by the department, the examination fee is \$50. Application for recertification must be accompanied by proof of having completed 4 classroom hours of acceptable continuing education. The limited certificate expires 4 years after the date of issuance. If the certificateholder fails to renew his or her certificate and provide proof of completion of the required continuing education units within 60 days after the expiration date, the certificateholder may be recertified only after reexamination. The department shall make available provide the appropriate reference material and make the examination readily accessible and available to all applicants at least quarterly or as necessary in each county.

Section 36. Subsection (2) of section 482.156, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

482.156 Limited certification for commercial landscape maintenance personnel.—

(2) (a) A person seeking limited certification under this section must pass an examination that the department shall provide in person and remotely through a third-party vendor. The third-party vendor may collect and retain a convenience fee given by the department. Each application for examination must be accompanied by an examination fee set by rule of the department, in an amount of not more than \$150 or less than \$50. Before the department issues a limited certification under this

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section, each person applying for the certification must furnish
proof of having a certificate of insurance which states that the
employer meets the requirements for minimum financial
responsibility for bodily injury and property damage required by
s. 482.071(4).

(b) The department shall make available provide the appropriate reference materials for the examination and provide in-person and remote testing through a third-party vendor. A third-party vendor may collect and retain a convenience fee make the examination readily accessible and available to applicants at least quarterly or as necessary in each county.

Section 37. Subsection (2) of section 482.157, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

482.157 Limited certification for commercial wildlife management personnel.—

- (2) The department shall issue a limited certificate to an applicant who:
- (a) Submits an application and examination fee of at least \$150, but not more than \$300, as prescribed by the department by rule;
- (b) Passes an examination that the department shall provide in person and remotely through a third-party vendor. The third-party vendor may collect and retain a convenience fee administered by the department. The department shall make available provide the appropriate study materials for the

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(c) Provides proof, including a certificate of insurance, that the applicant has met the minimum bodily injury and property damage insurance requirements in s. 482.071(4).

Section 38. Paragraph (m) is added to subsection (1) of section 482.161, Florida Statutes, to read:

482.161 Disciplinary grounds and actions; reinstatement.-

- (1) The department may issue a written warning to or impose a fine against, or deny the application for licensure or licensure renewal of, a licensee, certified operator, limited certificateholder, identification cardholder, or special identification cardholder or any other person, or may suspend, revoke, or deny the issuance or renewal of any license, certificate, limited certificate, identification card, or special identification card that is within the scope of this chapter, in accordance with chapter 120, upon any of the following grounds:
- (m) Upon the issuance of a final order imposing civil penalties under subsection 14(a) of the Federal Insecticide,

 Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) or a criminal conviction under subsection 14(b) of FIFRA.

Section 39. Subsection (2) of section 487.044, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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- certified applicator's license to demonstrate competence by a written or oral examination in which the applicant must demonstrate adequate knowledge concerning the proper use and application of restricted-use pesticides in each classification for which application for license is made. The department shall provide in-person and remote testing through a third-party vendor. A third-party vendor may collect and retain a convenience fee. The examination may be prepared, administered, and evaluated by the department. Each applicant for a certified applicator's license must shall demonstrate minimum competence as to:
 - (a) The proper use of the equipment.
- (b) The environmental hazards that may be involved in applying restricted-use pesticides.
- (c) Calculating the concentration of restricted-use pesticides to be used in particular circumstances.
- (d) Identification of common pests to be controlled and the damages caused by such pests.
- (e) Protective clothing and respiratory equipment required during the handling and application of restricted-use pesticides.
- (f) General precautions to be followed in the disposal of containers, as well as the cleaning and decontamination of the

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1117	equipment which the applicant proposes to use.
1118	(g) Applicable state and federal pesticide laws, rules,
1119	and regulations.
1120	(h) General safety precautions.
1121	Section 40. Subsection (6) is added to section 487.175,
1122	Florida Statutes, to read:
1123	487.175 Penalties; administrative fine; injunction
1124	(6) Licensure may be suspended, revoked, or denied by the
1125	department, upon the issuance of a final order to a licensee
1126	imposing civil penalties under subsection 14(a) of the Federal
1127	Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) or a
1128	criminal conviction under subsection 14(b) of FIFRA.
1129	Section 41. Subsections (13) through (28) of section
1130	496.404, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (15)
1131	through (30), respectively, and new subsections (13) and (14)
1132	are added to that section, to read:
1133	496.404 Definitions.—As used in ss. 496.401-496.424, the
1134	term:
1135	(13) "Foreign country of concern" has the same meaning as
1136	in s. 286.101(1)(b).
1137	(14) "Foreign source of concern" means any of the
1138	<pre>following:</pre>
1139	(a) The government or any official of the government of a
1140	foreign country of concern;
1141	(b) A political party or member of a political party or

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1142	any subdivision of a political party in a foreign country of
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1144	(c) A partnership, an association, a corporation, an
1145	organization, or other combination of persons organized under
1146	the laws of or having its principal place of business in a
1147	foreign country of concern, or a subsidiary of such entity;
1148	(d) Any person who is domiciled in a foreign country of
1149	concern and is not a citizen or lawful permanent citizen of the
1150	United States;
1151	(e) An agent, including a subsidiary or an affiliate of a
1152	foreign legal entity, acting on behalf of a foreign source of
1153	concern; or
1154	(f) An entity in which a person, entity, or collection of
1155	persons or entities described in paragraphs (a)-(e) has a
1156	controlling interest. As used in this paragraph, the term
1157	"controlling interest" means the possession of the power to
1158	direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of
1159	an entity, whether through ownership of securities, by contract,
1160	or otherwise. A person or an entity that directly or indirectly
1161	has the right to vote 25 percent or more of the voting interest
1162	of the company or is entitled to 25 percent or more of its
1163	profits is presumed to possess a controlling interest.
1164	Section 42. Paragraphs (d) through (g) of subsection (2)
1165	of section 496.405, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as

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paragraphs (f) through (i), respectively, new paragraphs (d) and

(e) are added to that subsection	, subsection (11) is added to
that section, and subsection (1)	and paragraph (b) of subsection
(7) of that section are amended,	to read:

496.405 Registration statements by charitable organizations and sponsors.—

- (1) A charitable organization or sponsor, unless exempted pursuant to s. 496.406, which intends to solicit contributions in or from this state by any means or have funds solicited on its behalf by any other person, charitable organization, sponsor, commercial co-venturer, or professional solicitor, or that participates in a charitable sales promotion or sponsor sales promotion, must, before engaging in any of these activities, file an initial registration statement, which includes an attestation statement, and a renewal statement annually thereafter, with the department.
- (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), any changes in the information submitted on the initial registration statement or the last renewal statement must be updated annually on a renewal statement provided by the department on or before the date that marks 1 year after the date the department approved the initial registration statement as provided in this section. The department shall annually provide a renewal statement to each registrant by mail or by electronic mail at least 30 days before the renewal date.
- (b) Any changes to the information submitted to the 608325 h0651-strike.docx

department pursuant to paragraph (2)(f)(2)(d) on the initial registration statement, which includes an attestation statement, or the last renewal statement must be reported to the department on a form prescribed by the department within 10 days after the change occurs.

- (c) A charitable organization or sponsor that is required to file an initial registration statement or annual renewal statement may not, before approval of its statement by the department in accordance with subsection (7), solicit contributions or have contributions solicited on its behalf by any other person, charitable organization, sponsor, commercial co-venturer, or professional solicitor or participate in a charitable sales promotion or sponsor sales promotion.
- (d) The registration of a charitable organization or sponsor may not continue in effect and shall expire without further action of the department under either of the following circumstances:
- 1. After the date the charitable organization or sponsor should have filed, but failed to file, its renewal statement in accordance with this section.
- 2. For failure to provide a financial statement within any extension period provided under s. 496.407.
- (2) The initial registration statement must be submitted on a form prescribed by the department, signed by an authorized official of the charitable organization or sponsor who shall

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certify that the registration statement is true and correct, and include the following information or material:

- (d) An attestation statement, which must be submitted on a form prescribed by the department and signed by an authorized official of the charitable organization, who shall certify and attest that the charitable organization, if engaged in activities that would require registration pursuant to chapter 106 is registered with the Department of State, pursuant to chapter 106.
- (e) An attestation statement on a form prescribed by the department, signed by an authorized official of the charitable organization, who shall certify and attest that the charitable organization, if prohibited by applicable federal or state law, is not engaged in activities that would require registration with the Department of State pursuant to chapter 106.

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(b) If a charitable organization or sponsor discloses information specified in subparagraphs (2)(f)2.-7. (2)(d)2.-7. in the initial registration statement or annual renewal statement, the time limits set forth in paragraph (a) are waived, and the department shall process such initial registration statement or annual renewal statement in accordance with the time limits set forth in chapter 120. The registration of a charitable organization or sponsor shall be automatically suspended for failure to disclose any information specified in

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1243	required information is submitted to the department.	

(11) The department may investigate and refer a charitable organization or sponsor to the Florida Elections Commission for investigation of violations pursuant to chapters 104 and 106.

Section 43. Subsection (20) is added to section 496.415, Florida Statutes, to read:

496.415 Prohibited acts.—It is unlawful for any person in connection with the planning, conduct, or execution of any solicitation or charitable or sponsor sales promotion to:

- (20) Solicit or accept contributions or anything of value from a foreign source of concern.
- (a) The first violation of this subsection is considered involuntary, and shall result in no punitive action from the department if a charitable organization satisfies all of the following requirements:
- 1. Provides the department with a solicitation or contribution form containing an attestation from such foreign source or country of concern in which the person, country, or entity falsely certifies that they are not a foreign country of concern as defined in s. 496.404(13) or a foreign source of concern as defined in s. 496.404(14).
- 2. Provides the department with a copy of a refund to the foreign source or country of concern within 30 days after notification by the department of the prohibited act.

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1267	3. Provides the department with a plan of action to
1268	prevent the acceptance of contributions from a foreign country
1269	or source of concern in future solicitation activities by the
1270	charitable organization.
1271	(b) A second or subsequent violation of this subsection is
1272	considered voluntary, and the charitable organization or sponsor
1273	is subject to the penalties specified in s. 496.419(5) at the
1274	discretion of the department.
1275	Section 44. Section 496.417, Florida Statutes, is amended
1276	to read:
1277	496.417 Criminal penalties.—Except as otherwise provided
1278	in ss. 496.401-496.424, and in addition to any administrative or
1279	civil penalties, any person who willfully and knowingly violates
1280	ss. 496.401-496.424 commits a felony of the third degree,
1281	punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.
1282	For a second or subsequent conviction, such violation
1283	constitutes a felony of the second degree, punishable as
1284	provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. $\underline{\text{The}}$
1285	department may also investigate and refer a charitable
1286	organization or sponsor to the Florida Elections Commission for
1287	investigation of violations pursuant to chapters 104 and 106.
1288	Section 45. Subsection (11) is added to section 496.419,
1289	Florida Statutes, to read:
1290	496.419 Powers of the department

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(11) A charitable organization or sponsor whose

1292	registration is denied or revoked for submitting a false
1293	attestation required pursuant to s. 496.405(2)(d) or (2)(e) is
1294	subject to the penalties specified in subsection (5) at the
1295	discretion of the department.
1296	Section 46. Section 496.431, Florida Statutes, is created
1297	to read:
1298	496.431 Honest Services Registry
1299	(1) The department shall create the Honest Services
1300	Registry to provide the residents of this state with the
1301	information necessary to make an informed choice when deciding
1302	which charitable organizations to support.
1303	(2) To be included on the Honest Services Registry, a
1304	charitable organization must, at a minimum, submit to the
1305	department an attestation statement on a form prescribed by the
1306	department, verified as provided in s. 92.525, attesting to all
1307	of the following:
1308	(a) That the organization does not solicit or accept,
1309	directly or indirectly, contributions, funding, support, or
1310	services from a foreign source of concern.
1311	(b) That the organization's messaging and content are not
1312	directly or indirectly produced or influenced by a foreign
1313	source of concern.
1314	(3) The department shall publish the Honest Services
1315	Registry on the department's website.

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(4) The department shall adopt rules to implement this

1317	section.
1318	Section 47. Paragraph (j) of subsection (1) of section
1319	500.03, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
1320	500.03 Definitions; construction; applicability
1321	(1) For the purpose of this chapter, the term:
1322	(j) "Cottage food product" means food that is not $\underline{\text{time or}}$
1323	temperature controlled for safety or a potentially hazardous
1324	food as defined by department rule which is sold by a cottage
1325	food operation in accordance with s. 500.80.
1326	Section 48. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1) of
1327	section 500.12, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
1328	500.12 Food permits; building permits
1329	(1)(a) A food permit from the department is required of
1330	any person $\underline{\text{or business that}}$ $\underline{\text{who}}$ operates a food establishment,
1331	except:
1332	1. Persons or businesses operating minor food outlets that
1333	sell food that is commercially prepackaged, not potentially
1334	hazardous, not age restricted, and not time or temperature
1335	controlled for safety, if the shelf space for those items does
1336	not exceed 12 total linear feet and no other food is sold by the
1337	person or business minor food outlet.
1338	2. Persons subject to continuous, onsite federal or state
1339	inspection.
1340	3. Persons selling only legumes in the shell, either

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- 4. Persons selling sugar cane or sorghum syrup that has been boiled and bottled on a premise located within this state. Such bottles must contain a label listing the producer's name and street address, all added ingredients, the net weight or volume of the product, and a statement that reads, "This product has not been produced in a facility permitted by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services."
- Each food establishment regulated under this chapter must apply for and receive a food permit before operation begins. An application for a food permit from the department must be accompanied by a fee in an amount determined by department rule. The department shall adopt by rule a schedule of fees to be paid by each food establishment as a condition of issuance or renewal of a food permit. Such fees may not exceed \$650 and must be used solely for the recovery of costs for the services provided, except that the fee accompanying an application for a food permit for operating a bottled water plant may not exceed \$1,000 and the fee accompanying an application for a food permit for operating a packaged ice plant may not exceed \$250. The fee for operating a bottled water plant or a packaged ice plant must be set by rule of the department. Food permits are not transferable from one person or physical location to another. Food permits must be renewed in accordance with subparagraphs 1.-3. If an application for renewal of a food permit is not received by the department on or before its due

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date, a late fee not exceeding \$100 must be paid in addition to the food permit fee before the department may issue the food permit. The moneys collected must be deposited in the General Inspection Trust Fund.

- 1. A food permit issued to a new food establishment on or after September 1, 2023, is valid for 1 calendar year after the date of issuance and must be renewed annually on or before that date thereafter.
- 2. Effective January 1, 2024, A food permit issued before September 1, 2023, expires on the month and day the initial permit was issued to the food establishment and must be renewed annually on or before that date thereafter. The department may charge a prorated permit fee for purposes of this subparagraph.
- 3. The department may establish a single permit renewal date for multiple food establishments owned by the same entity. The owner of 100 or more permitted food establishment locations may elect to set the expiration of food permits for such establishments as December 31 of each calendar year.

Section 49. Section 500.166, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

500.166 Records of interstate shipment.—For the purpose of enforcing this chapter, carriers engaged in interstate commerce and persons receiving food in interstate commerce shall retain all records for 3 years from the date of the record showing the movement in interstate commerce of any food, and the quantity,

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shipper and consignee thereof and, upon the request by an officer or employee duly designated by the department, permit the officer or employee to have access to and to copy all records showing the movement in interstate commerce of any food, and the quantity, shipper, and consignee thereof.

Section 50. Subsection (1) of section 500.172, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

500.172 Embargoing, detaining, destroying of food, food processing equipment, or areas that are in violation.—

When the department, or its duly authorized agent who has received appropriate education and training regarding the legal requirements of this chapter, finds or has probable cause to believe that any food, food processing equipment, food processing area, or food storage area is in violation of this chapter or any rule adopted under this chapter so as to be dangerous, unwholesome, mislabeled, fraudulent, or insanitary within the meaning of this chapter, an agent of the department may issue and enforce a stop-sale, stop-use, removal, or hold order, which order gives notice that such article, processing equipment, processing area, or storage area is or is suspected of being in violation and has been detained or embargoed and which order warns all persons not to remove, use, or dispose of such article, processing equipment, processing area, or storage area by sale or otherwise until permission for removal, use, or disposal is given by the department or the court. The department

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to read:

is authorized to enter into a written agreement with the owner
of such food, food processing equipment, food processing area,
or food storage area, or otherwise facilitate the destruction of
any article found or suspected by the department to be in
violation of this section. A person may not remove, use, or
dispose of such detained or embargoed article, processing
equipment, processing area, or storage area by sale or otherwise
without such permission from or in accordance with a written
agreement with the department.
Section 51. Section 500.75, Florida Statutes, is created

500.75 Mushroom spores and mycelium; offenses.—It is unlawful to transport or offer to transport, import into this state, sell or offer for sale, furnish, or give away spores or mycelium capable of producing mushrooms or other material which will contain a controlled substance, including psilocybin or psilocyn, during its lifecycle. A person who violates this section commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

Section 52. Section 500.93, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

- 500.93 Mislabeling of plant-based products as milk, meat, poultry, or eggs.—
 - (1) As used in this section, the term:
- (a) "Egg" and "egg product" have the same meanings as in

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1442	21 U.S.C. s. 1033 and the Egg Products Inspection Act.
1443	(b) "FDA" means the United States Food and Drug
1444	Administration.
1445	(c) "Meat" has the same meaning as in 9 C.F.R. s. 301.2
1446	and the Federal Meat Inspection Act.
1447	(d) "Milk" has the same meaning as in 21 C.F.R. s. 131.110
1448	and the Grade "A" pasteurized milk ordinance.
1449	(e) "Poultry" and "poultry product" have the same meanings
1450	as in 9 C.F.R. s. 381.1 and the Poultry Products Inspection Act.
1451	(2)(a) In accordance with the established standard of
1452	identity for milk defined in 21 C.F.R. s. 131.110 and the Grade
1453	"A" pasteurized milk ordinance, the department shall adopt rules
1454	to enforce the FDA's standard of identity for milk, as adopted
1455	in state law, to prohibit the sale of plant-based products
1456	mislabeled as milk in this state.
1457	(b) This subsection is effective upon the enactment into
1458	law of a mandatory labeling requirement to prohibit the sale of
1459	plant-based products mislabeled as milk that is consistent with
1460	this section by any 11 of the group of 14 states composed of
1461	Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana,
1462	Maryland, Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee,
1463	Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.
1464	(3)(a) In accordance with the established standard of
1465	identity for meat defined in 9 C.F.R. s. 301.2 and the Federal
1466	Meat Inspection Act, and both poultry and poultry products

defined in 9 C.F.R. s. 381.1 and the Poultry Products Inspection Act, the department shall adopt rules to enforce the FDA's standard of identity for meat, poultry, and poultry products as adopted in this section, to prohibit the sale of plant-based products mislabeled as meat, poultry, or poultry products in this state.

- (b) This subsection is effective upon the enactment into law of a mandatory labeling requirement to prohibit the sale of plant-based products mislabeled as meat, poultry, or poultry products which is consistent with this section by any 11 of the group of 14 states composed of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.
- (4) (a) In accordance with the established standard of identity for eggs and egg products defined in 21 U.S.C. s. 1033 and the Egg Products Inspection Act, the department shall adopt rules to enforce the FDA's standard of identity for eggs and egg products, as adopted in state law, to prohibit the sale of plant-based products mislabeled as egg or egg products in this state.
- (b) This subsection is effective upon the enactment into law of a mandatory labeling requirement to prohibit the sale of plant-based products mislabeled as egg or egg products that is consistent with this section by any 11 of the group of 14 states composed of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky,

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1492	Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Carolina,
1493	Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.
1494	(5) The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
1495	shall notify the Division of Law Revision upon the enactment
1496	into law by any 11 of the group of 14 states composed of
1497	Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana,
1498	Maryland, Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee,
1499	Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia of the mandatory labeling
1500	requirements pursuant to subsections (2) and (3).
1501	(6) The department shall adopt rules to implement this
1502	section.
1503	(7) This section does not limit the department's authority
1504	to enforce its laws and regulations.
1505	Section 53. Section 501.135, Florida Statutes, is
1506	repealed.
1507	Section 54. Subsection (1) of section 501.912, Florida
1508	Statutes, is amended to read:
1509	501.912 Definitions.—As used in ss. 501.91-501.923:
1510	(1) "Antifreeze" means any substance or preparation,
1511	including, but not limited to, coolant , antifreeze-coolant,
1512	antifreeze and summer coolant, or summer coolant, that is sold,
1513	distributed, or intended for use:
1514	(a) As the cooling liquid, or to be added to the cooling

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liquid, in the cooling system of internal combustion engines of

motor vehicles to prevent freezing of the cooling liquid or to

1517	lower its freezing point; or
1518	(b) To raise the boiling point of water, aid in vehicle
1519	component cooling, or for the prevention of engine overheating,
1520	whether or not the liquid is used as a year-round cooling system
1521	fluid.
1522	Section 55. Section 525.19, Florida Statutes, is created
1523	to read:
1524	525.19 Petroleum registration
1525	(1) The department shall create an annual petroleum
1526	registration program for petroleum owners or operators and shall
1527	adopt rules detailing the requirements for such registration
1528	that include, at minimum:
1529	(a) Name of the petroleum owner or operator;
1530	(b) Address of the petroleum owner or operator;
1531	(c) Phone number of the petroleum owner or operator;
1532	(d) E-mail address of the petroleum owner or operator;
1533	(e) Requirements for the transfer switch;
1534	(f) Fuel and petroleum infrastructure; and
1535	(g) Fuel and petroleum inventory and delivery information.
1536	(2) The registration program must be free for all
1537	registrants.
1538	(3) The department has the authority to require
1539	registrants to provide updates related to the status of
1540	infrastructure, inventory, and delivery information during a
1541	state of emergency as declared by an executive order issued by

1542	the Governor.
1543	Section 56. Section 526.147, Florida Statutes, is created
1544	to read:
1545	526.147 Florida Retail Fuel Transfer Switch Modernization
1546	Grant Program
1547	(1)(a) There is created, subject to appropriation, the
1548	Florida Retail Fuel Transfer Switch Modernization Grant Program
1549	within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
1550	(b) The grant program shall provide grant funds, not to
1551	exceed \$10,000 per retail fuel facility, to be used for
1552	installation and equipment costs related to installing or
1553	modernizing transfer switch infrastructure at retail fuel
1554	facilities to allow for the continuity of fueling operations
1555	under generated power.
1556	(c) The department shall award funds based upon the
1557	following criteria:
1558	1. Up to \$10,000, of costs for transfer switch purchase
1559	and installation for retail fuel locations in fiscally
1560	constrained counties as designated under s. 218.67(1).
1561	2. Up to \$5,000, of costs for transfer switch purchase and
1562	installation for all other retail fuel locations.
1563	(d) Retail fuel facilities which are awarded grant funds
1564	must comply with s. 526.143 and must install a transfer switch
1565	capable of operating all fuel pumps, dispensing equipment, life

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safety systems, and payment acceptance equipment using an

alternative	generated	power	source.

- (e) Before being awarded funding from the department, retail fuel facilities must provide documentation on transfer switch installation and required generator sizing to the department.
- (f) Marinas and fueling facilities with fewer than four fueling positions are excluded from being awarded funding through this program.
- (g) Fueling facilities subject to s. 526.143(2) are excluded from being awarded funding through this program.
- (2) The department, in consultation with the Division of Emergency Management, shall adopt rules to implement and administer this section, including establishing grant application processes for the Florida Retail Fuel Transfer Switch Modernization Grant Program. The rules must include application deadlines and establish the supporting documentation necessary to be provided to the department.

Section 57. Section 531.48, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

531.48 Declarations of unit price on random packages.—In addition to the declarations required by s. 531.47, any package being one of a lot containing random weights of the same commodity <u>must</u> and bearing the total selling price of the package shall bear on the outside of the package a plain and conspicuous declaration of the price per single unit of weight

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1592	and the total retail price of the package, as defined by
1593	department rule.
1594	Section 58. Section 531.49, Florida Statutes, is amended
1595	to read:
1596	531.49 Advertising packages for sale.—Whenever A packaged
1597	commodity is advertised in any manner with the retail price
1598	stated, there shall be closely and conspicuously associated with
1599	the retail price $\underline{\text{must have}}$ a declaration of quantity as is
1600	required by law or rule to appear on the package.
1601	Section 59. Subsection (10) of section 564.06, Florida
1602	Statutes, is amended to read:
1603	564.06 Excise taxes on wines and beverages
1604	(10) Fifty percent of all revenues collected from the
1605	excise taxes imposed by this section on wine produced by
1606	manufacturers in this state from products grown in the state
1607	must be deposited into the ${ t Florida Wine}$ ${ t Viticulture}$ ${ t Trust Fund}$
1608	established pursuant to s. 599.012.
1609	Section 60. Subsections (44), (45), and (46) of section
1610	570.07, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (47),
1611	(48) , and (49) , respectively, and new subsections (44) , (45) ,
1612	and (46) are added to that section, to read:
1613	570.07 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services;
1614	functions, powers, and duties.—The department shall have and
1615	exercise the following functions, powers, and duties:

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(44) (a) To foster and encourage the employment and

retention of qualified veterinary pathologists. The department
may reimburse the educational expenses of qualified veterinary
pathologists who enter into an agreement with the department to
retain employment for a specified period of time.

- (b) The department shall adopt rules to administer this subsection.
- (45) Subject to appropriation, to extend state and national Future Farmers of America opportunities to any public school student enrolled in agricultural education, at little or no cost to the student or school district, and to support statewide Future Farmers of America programming that helps such students develop their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success.
- (46) (a) Notwithstanding ss. 287.042 and 287.057, to use contracts procured by another agency.
- (b) As used in this subsection, the term "agency" has the same meaning as provided in s. 287.012.

Section 61. Subsection (2) of section 570.544, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 570.544 Division of Consumer Services; director; powers; processing of complaints; records.—
- (2) The director shall supervise, direct, and coordinate the activities of the division and shall, under the direction of the department, enforce the provisions of <u>ss. 366.94 and ss.</u> 604.15-604.34 and chapters <u>177</u>, 472, 496, 501, 507, 525, 526,

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1667	and Consumer Services. The purpose of the foundation is to:
1668	(a) Conduct programs and activities related to the
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1670	aquaculture producers in this state.
1671	(b) Identify and pursue methods to provide statewide
1672	resources and materials for these programs.
1673	(2) The foundation shall be governed by s. 570.691.
1674	(3) The department is authorized to appoint an advisory
1675	committee adjunct to the foundation pursuant to s. 570.232.
1676	Section 64. Section 570.822, Florida Statutes, is amended
1677	to read:
1678	570.822 Agriculture and Aquaculture Producers Emergency
1679	Natural Disaster Recovery Loan Program
1680	(1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:
1681	(a) "Bona fide farm operation" means a farm operation
1682	engaged in a good faith commercial agricultural use of land on
1683	land classified as agricultural pursuant to s. 193.461 or on
1684	sovereign submerged land that is leased to the applicant by the
1685	department pursuant to s. 597.010 and that produces agricultural
1686	products within the definition of agriculture under s. 570.02.
1687	(b) "Declared <u>emergency</u> natural disaster " means <u>an</u>
1688	emergency a natural disaster for which a state of emergency is
1689	declared pursuant to s. 252.36 or s. 570.07(21).
1690	(c) "Department" means the Department of Agriculture and

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- (d) "Essential physical property" means fences; equipment; structural production facilities, such as shade houses and greenhouses; or other agriculture or aquaculture facilities or infrastructure.
- (e) "Program" means the Agriculture and Aquaculture Producers Emergency Natural Disaster Recovery Loan Program.
 - (2) USE OF LOAN FUNDS; LOAN TERMS.-
- (a) The program is established within the department to make loans to agriculture and aquaculture producers that have experienced damage or destruction from a declared emergency natural disaster. Loan funds may be used to restore, repair, or replace essential physical property or remove vegetative debris from essential physical property, or restock aquaculture. A structure or building constructed using loan proceeds must comply with storm-hardening standards for nonresidential farm buildings as defined in s. 604.50(2). The department shall adopt such standards by rule.
- (b) The department may make a low-interest or interest-free loan to an eligible applicant. The maximum amount that an applicant may receive during the application period for a loan is \$500,000. An applicant may not receive more than one loan per application period and no more than two loans per year or no more than five loans in any 3-year period. A loan term is 10 years.
- (3) ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS.—To be eligible for the program, 608325 h0651-strike.docx

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- (a) Own or lease a bona fide farm operation that is located in a county named in a declared emergency natural disaster and that was damaged or destroyed as a result of such declared emergency natural disaster.
- (b) Maintain complete and acceptable farm records, pursuant to criteria published by the department, and present them as proof of production levels and bona fide farm operations.
 - (4) LOAN APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT.-
- (a) Requests for loans must be made by application to the department. Upon a determination that funding for loans is available, the department shall publicly notice an application period for the declared emergency natural disaster, beginning within 60 days after the date of the declared emergency natural disaster and running up to 1 year after the date of the declared emergency natural disaster or until all available loan funds are exhausted, whichever occurs first. emergency.
- (b) An applicant must demonstrate the need for financial assistance and an ability to repay or meet a standard credit rating determined by the department.
- (c) Loans must be made pursuant to written agreements specifying the terms and conditions agreed to by the approved

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applicant and the department. The loan agreement must specify that the loan is due upon sale if the property or other collateral for the loan is sold.

- (d) An approved applicant must agree to stay in production for the duration of the loan. A loan is not assumable.
- (5) LOAN SECURITY REQUIREMENTS.—All loans must be secured by a lien, subordinate only to any mortgage held by a financial institution as defined in s. 655.005, on property or other collateral as set forth in the loan agreement. The specific type of collateral required may vary depending upon the loan purpose, repayment ability, and the particular circumstances of the applicant. The department shall record the lien in public records in the county where the property is located and, in the case of personal property, perfect the security interest by filing appropriate Uniform Commercial Code forms with the Florida Secured Transaction Registry as required pursuant to chapter 679.
 - (6) LOAN REPAYMENT.
- (a) A loan is due and payable in accordance with the terms of the loan agreement.
- (b) The department shall defer payments for the first 3 years of the loan. After 3 years, the department shall reduce the principal balance annually through the end of the loan term such that the original principal balance is reduced by 30 percent. If the principal balance is repaid before the end of

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the 10th year, the applicant may not be required to pay more than 70 percent of the original principal balance. The approved applicant must continue to be actively engaged in production in order to receive the original principal balance reductions and must continue to meet the loan agreement terms to the satisfaction of the department.

- (c) An approved applicant may make payments on the loan at any time without penalty. Early repayment is encouraged as other funding sources or revenues become available to the approved applicant.
- (d) All repayments of principal and interest, if applicable, received by the department in a fiscal year must be returned to the loan fund and made available for loans to other applicants in the next application period.
- (e) The department may periodically review an approved applicant to determine whether he or she continues to be in compliance with the terms of the loan agreement. If the department finds that an applicant is no longer in production or has otherwise violated the loan agreement, the department may seek repayment of the full original principal balance outstanding, including any interest or costs, as applicable, and excluding any applied or anticipated original principal balance reductions.
- (f) The department may defer or waive loan payments if at any time during the repayment period of a loan, the approved

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applicant experiences a significant hardship such as crop loss
from a weather-related event or from impacts from a natural
disaster or declared emergency.

- (7) ADMINISTRATION. -
- (a) The department shall create and maintain a separate account in the General Inspection Trust Fund as a fund for the program. All repayments must be returned to the loan fund and made available as provided in this section. Notwithstanding s. 216.301, funds appropriated for the loan program are not subject to reversion. The department shall manage the fund, establishing loan practices that must include, but are not limited to, procedures for establishing loan interest rates, uses of funding, application procedures, and application review procedures. The department is authorized to contract with a third-party administrator to administer the program and manage the loan fund. A contract for a third-party administrator that includes management of the loan fund must, at a minimum, require maintenance of the loan fund to ensure that the program may operate in a revolving manner.
- (b) The department shall coordinate with other state agencies and other entities to ensure to the greatest extent possible that agriculture and aquaculture producers in this state have access to the maximum financial assistance available following a declared emergency natural disaster. The coordination must endeavor to ensure that there is no

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duplication of financial assistance between the loan program and other funding sources, such as any federal or other state programs, including public assistance requests to the Federal Emergency Management Agency or financial assistance from the United States Department of Agriculture, which could render the approved applicant ineligible for other financial assistance.

- (8) PUBLIC RECORDS EXEMPTION.
- (a) The following information held by the department pursuant to its administration of the program is exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution:
 - 1. Tax returns.
- 2. Credit history information, credit reports, and credit scores.
- (b) This subsection does not prohibit the disclosure of information held by the department pursuant to its administration of the program in an aggregated and anonymized format.
- (c) This subsection is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2029, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.
- (9) RULES.—The department shall adopt rules to implement this section.
- 1840 (10) REPORTS.—By December 1, 2024, and each December 1 1841 thereafter, the department shall provide a report on program

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activities during the previous fiscal year to the President of
the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The
report must include information on noticed application periods,
the number and value of loans awarded under the program for each
application period, the number and value of loans outstanding,
the number and value of any loan repayments received, and an
anticipated repayment schedule for all loans.

(11) SUNSET.—This section expires July 1, 2043, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

Section 65. Section 570.823, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

- 570.823 Silviculture emergency recovery program.-
- (1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:
- (a) "Bona fide farm operation" means a farm operation engaged in a good faith commercial agricultural use of land on land classified as agricultural pursuant to s. 193.461 that produces agricultural products within the definition of agriculture under s. 570.02.
- (b) "Declared emergency" means an emergency for which a
 state of emergency is declared pursuant to s. 252.36 or s.
 570.07(21).
- (c) "Department" means the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
- 1866 (d) "Program" means the silviculture emergency recovery

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- (2) USE OF GRANT FUNDS; GRANT TERMS.-
- (a) The silviculture emergency recovery program is established within the department to administer a grant program to assist timber landowners whose timber land was damaged as a result of a declared emergency. Grants provided to eligible timber landowners must be used for:
- 1. Timber stand restoration, including downed tree removal on land which will retain the existing trees on site which are lightly or completely undamaged;
 - 2. Site preparation, and tree replanting; or
- 3. Road and trail clearing on private timber lands to provide emergency access and facilitate salvage operations.
- (b) Only timber land located on lands classified as agricultural lands under s. 193.461 are eligible for the program.
- (c) The department shall coordinate with state agencies and other entities to ensure to the greatest extent possible that timber landowners have access to the maximum financial assistance available following a specified declared emergency. The coordination must endeavor to ensure that there is no duplication of financial assistance between these funds and other funding sources, such as any federal or other state programs, including public assistance requests to the Federal Emergency Management Agency or financial assistance from the

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1892	United States Department of Agriculture, which would render the
1893	approved applicant ineligible for other financial assistance.
1894	(d) The department is authorized to adopt rules to

implement this section, including emergency rules.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, emergency rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are effective for 6 months after adoption and may be renewed during the pendency of procedures to adopt permanent rules addressing the subject of the emergency rules.

Section 66. Section 570.831, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

570.831 Florida beef marketing program.—The Cattle
Enhancement Board, Inc., in coordination with the department,
shall, subject to appropriation, establish a Florida beef
marketing program to conduct research designed to expand the
uses of beef and beef products and strengthen the market
position of Florida's cattle industry through marketing
campaigns and promotions within this state and the nation.

Section 67. Subsections (2) and (5) of section 581.1843, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

- $581.1843\,$ Citrus nursery stock propagation and production and the establishment of regulated areas around citrus nurseries.—
- 1915 (2) Effective January 1, 2007, it is unlawful for any 1916 person to propagate for sale or movement any citrus nursery

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stock that was not propagated or grown on a site and within a protective structure approved by the department and that is not at least 1 mile away from commercial citrus groves. A citrus nursery registered with the department prior to April 1, 2006, shall not be required to comply with the 1-mile setback from commercial citrus groves while continuously operating at the same location for which it was registered. However, the nursery shall be required to propagate citrus within a protective structure approved by the department. Effective January 1, 2008, it is shall be unlawful to distribute any citrus nursery stock that was not produced in a protective structure approved by the department.

(5) The department shall establish regulated areas around the perimeter of commercial citrus nurseries that were established on sites after April 1, 2006, not to exceed a radius of 1 mile. The planting of citrus in an established regulated area is prohibited. The planting of citrus within a 1-mile radius of commercial citrus nurseries that were established on sites prior to April 1, 2006, must be approved by the department. Citrus plants planted within a regulated area prior to the establishment of the regulated area may remain in the regulated area unless the department determines the citrus plants to be infected or infested with citrus canker or citrus greening. The department shall require the removal of infected or infested citrus, nonapproved planted citrus, and citrus that

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has sprouted by natural means in regulated areas. The property owner shall be responsible for the removal of citrus planted without proper approval. Notice of the removal of citrus trees, by immediate final order of the department, shall be provided to the owner of the property on which the trees are located. An immediate final order issued by the department under this section shall notify the property owner that the citrus trees, which are the subject of the immediate final order, must be removed and destroyed unless the property owner, no later than 10 days after delivery of the immediate final order, requests and obtains a stay of the immediate final order from the district court of appeal with jurisdiction to review such requests. The property owner shall not be required to seek a stay from the department of the immediate final order prior to seeking a stay from the district court of appeal.

Section 68. Sections 593.101, 593.102, 593.103, 593.104, 593.105, 593.106, 593.107, 593.108, 593.109, 593.11, 593.111, 593.112, 593.113, 593.114, 593.1141, 593.1142, 593.115, 593.116, and 593.117, Florida Statutes, are repealed.

Section 69. Subsection (11) of section 595.404, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

595.404 School food and other nutrition programs; powers and duties of the department.—The department has the following powers and duties:

(11) To adopt and implement an appeal process by rule, as 608325 - h0651-strike.docx

required by federal regulations, for applicants and participants under the programs implemented pursuant to this chapter, notwithstanding ss. 120.569, 120.57-120.595, and 120.68 ss. 120.569 and 120.57-120.595.

Section 70. Section 599.002, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

599.002 Florida Wine Viticulture Advisory Council.-

- (1) There is created within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services the Florida Wine Viticulture Advisory Council, to be composed consist of eight members as follows: the president of the Florida Wine and Grape Growers Association Florida Grape Growers' Association or a designee thereof; a representative from the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences; a representative from the viticultural science program at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University; and five additional commercial members, to be appointed for a 2-year term each by the Commissioner of Agriculture, including a wine producer, a fresh fruit producer, a nonwine product (juice, jelly, pie fillings, etc.) producer, and a viticultural nursery operator.
- (2) The meetings, powers and duties, procedures, and recordkeeping of the <u>Florida Wine</u> Viticulture Advisory Council shall be pursuant to s. 570.232.
- (3) The primary responsibilities of the <u>Florida Wine</u>

 Viticulture Advisory Council are to submit to the Commissioner

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of Agriculture, annually, the industry's recommendations for wine and viticultural research, promotion, and education and, as necessary, the industry's recommendations for revisions to the State Wine Witiculture Plan.

Section 71. Section 599.003, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

599.003 State Wine Viticulture Plan.-

- (1) The Commissioner of Agriculture, in consultation with the Florida Wine Viticulture Advisory Council, shall develop and coordinate the implementation of the State Wine Viticulture Plan, which shall identify problems and constraints of the wine and viticulture industry, propose possible solutions to those problems, and develop planning mechanisms for the orderly growth of the industry, including:
- (a) Criteria for $\underline{\text{wine and}}$ viticultural research, service, and management priorities.
 - (b) Additional proposed legislation that may be required.
- (c) Plans and goals to improve research and service capabilities at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University and the University of Florida in their efforts to address current and future needs of the industry.
- (d) The potential for viticulture products in terms of market and needs for development.
- 2015 (e) Evaluation of wine policy alternatives, including, but 2016 not limited to, continued improvement in wine quality, blending

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considerations, promotion and advertising, labeling and vineyard designations, and development of production and marketing strategies.

- (f) Evaluation of production and fresh fruit policy alternatives, including, but not limited to, setting minimum grades and standards, promotion and advertising, development of production and marketing strategies, and setting minimum standards on types and quality of nursery plants.
- (g) Evaluation of policy alternatives for nonwine processed products, including, but not limited to, setting minimum quality standards and development of production and marketing strategies.
- (h) Research and service priorities for further development of the wine and viticulture industry.
- (i) The identification of state agencies and public and private institutions concerned with research, education, extension, services, planning, promotion, and marketing functions related to <u>wine and</u> viticultural development and the delineation of contributions and responsibilities.
- (j) Business planning, investment potential, financial risks, and economics of production and utilization.
- (2) A revision and update of the State $\underline{\text{Wine}}$ Viticulture Plan $\underline{\text{must}}$ shall be submitted biennially to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairs of appropriate committees of the Senate and House of

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2042 Representatives, and a progress report and budget request <u>must</u> 2043 shall be submitted annually.

Section 72. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) and subsection (3) of section 599.004, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph (d) is added to subsection (2) of that section, to read:

599.004 Florida Farm Winery Program; registration; logo; fees.—

- (2) (a) The department, in coordination with the Florida Wine Witiculture Advisory Council, shall develop and designate by rule a Florida Farm Winery logo, emblem, and directional sign to guide the public to certified Florida Farm Wineries Winery tourist attractions. The logo and emblem of certified Florida Farm Winery signs must shall be uniform.
- (d) Wineries that fail to recertify annually or pay the licensing fee required in paragraph (c) are subject to having the signs referenced in paragraph (b) removed and will be responsible for all costs incurred by the Department of Transportation in connection with the removal.
- (3) All fees collected, except as otherwise provided by this section, shall be deposited into the <u>Florida Wine</u>

 Viticulture Trust Fund and used to develop consumer information on the native characteristics and proper use of wines.

Section 73. Section 599.012, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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599.012	Florida	Wine	Viticulture	Trust	Fund;	creation
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- (1) There is established the <u>Florida Wine Viticulture</u>
 Trust Fund within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer
 Services. The department shall use the moneys deposited in the trust fund pursuant to subsection (2) to do all the following:
- (a) Develop and coordinate the implementation of the State Viticulture Plan.
- (b) Promote viticulture products manufactured from products grown in the state.
 - (c) Provide grants for viticultural research.
- (2) Fifty percent of the revenues collected from the excise taxes imposed under s. 564.06 on wine produced by manufacturers in this state from products grown in the state will be deposited in the <u>Florida Wine</u> Viticulture Trust Fund in accordance with that section.

Section 74. Subsection (1) of section 616.12, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 616.12 Licenses upon certain shows; distribution of fees; exemptions.—
- (1) Each person who operates any traveling show, exhibition, amusement enterprise, carnival, vaudeville, exhibit, minstrel, rodeo, theatrical, game or test of skill, riding device, dramatic repertoire, other show or amusement, or concession, including a concession operating in a tent, enclosure, or other temporary structure, within the grounds of,

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and in connection with, any annual public fair held by a fair association shall pay the license taxes provided by law. However, if the association satisfies the requirements of this chapter, including securing the required fair permit from the department, the license taxes and local business tax authorized in chapter 205 are waived and the department shall issue a tax exemption certificate. The department shall adopt the proper forms and rules to administer this section, including the necessary tax exemption certificate, showing that the fair association has met all requirements and that the traveling show, exhibition, amusement enterprise, carnival, vaudeville, exhibit, minstrel, rodeo, theatrical, game or test of skill, riding device, dramatic repertoire, other show or amusement, or concession is exempt.

Section 75. Section 687.16, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

- 687.16 Florida Farmer Financial Protection Act.-
- 2109 (1) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the "Florida 2110 Farmer Financial Protection Act."
 - (2) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:
 - (a) "Agriculture producer" means a person or company authorized to do business in this state and engaged in the production of goods derived from plants or animals, including, but not limited to, the growing of crops, silviculture, animal husbandry, or the production of livestock or dairy products.

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2117	(b) "Agritourism activity" has the same meaning as
2118	provided in s. 570.86.
2119	(c) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Agriculture.
2120	(d) "Company" means a for-profit organization,
2121	association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, sole
2122	proprietorship, limited partnership, limited liability
2123	partnership, or limited liability company, including a wholly
2124	owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company, or
2125	affiliate of those entities or business associations authorized
2126	to do business in this state.
2127	(e) "Denies or restricts" means refusing to provide
2128	services, terminating existing services, or restricting or
2129	burdening the scope or nature of services offered or provided.
2130	(f) "Discriminate in the provision of financial services"
2131	means to deny or restrict services and thereby decline to
2132	provide financial services.
2133	(g) "Environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factor"
2134	means any factor or consideration that is collateral to or not
2135	reasonably likely to affect or impact financial risk and
2136	includes the promotion, furtherance, or achievement of
2137	environmental, social, or political goals, objectives, or
2138	outcomes, which may include the agriculture producer's
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or use of fossil-fuel powered machinery.

(h) "Farm" means the land, buildings, support facilities,

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- (i) "Financial institution" means a company, as defined under s. 655.005(1)(h) and (i), which has total assets of more than \$100 million. The term includes any affiliate as defined under s. 655.005(1)(a) or subsidiary company as defined under s. 655.005(1)(x), even if that affiliate or subsidiary company is also a financial institution.
- (j) "Financial service" means any product or service that is of a financial nature and is offered by a financial institution.
 - (3) FINANCIAL DISCRIMINATION; AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS.-
- (a) A financial institution may not discriminate in the provision of financial services to an agriculture producer based, in whole or in part, upon an ESG factor.
- (b) If a financial institution has made any ESG commitment related to agriculture, there is an inference that the institution's denial or restriction of a financial service to an agriculture producer violates paragraph (a).
- (c) A financial institution may overcome the inference in paragraph (b) by demonstrating that its denial or restriction of a financial service was based solely on documented risk analysis, and not on any ESG factor.
- (4) ENFORCEMENT; COMPENSATORY DAMAGES.—The Attorney General, in consultation with the Office of Financial

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2167	Regulation, is authorized to enforce subsection (3). Any
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2170	authorized to investigate and seek remedies as provided in
2171	general law. Actions for damages may be sought by an aggrieved
2172	party.

Section 76. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 741.0305, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

741.0305 Marriage fee reduction for completion of premarital preparation course.—

- (3)(a) All individuals electing to participate in a premarital preparation course shall choose from the following list of qualified instructors:
 - 1. A psychologist licensed under chapter 490.
 - 2. A clinical social worker licensed under chapter 491.
- 2182 3. A marriage and family therapist licensed under chapter 2183 491.
 - 4. A mental health counselor licensed under chapter 491.
 - 5. An official representative of a religious institution which is recognized under $\underline{s.496.404}$ $\underline{s.496.404(23)}$, if the representative has relevant training.
 - 6. Any other provider designated by a judicial circuit, including, but not limited to, school counselors who are certified to offer such courses. Each judicial circuit may establish a roster of area course providers, including those who

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Section 77. Paragraph (h) of subsection (2), subsection (3), paragraph (c) of subsection (6), and subsection (10) of section 790.06, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

790.06 License to carry concealed weapon or concealed firearm.—

- (2) The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall issue a license if the applicant:
- (h) Demonstrates competence with a firearm by any one of the following:
- 1. Completion of any hunter education or hunter safety course approved by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission or a similar agency of another state;
- 2. Completion of any National Rifle Association firearms safety or training course;
- 3. Completion of any firearms safety or training course or class available to the general public offered by a law enforcement agency, junior college, college, or private or public institution or organization or firearms training school, using instructors certified by the National Rifle Association, Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission, or the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services;
- 4. Completion of any law enforcement firearms safety or training course or class offered for security guards, investigators, special deputies, or any division or subdivision

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2217 of a law enforcement agency or security enforcement;

- 5. Presents evidence of equivalent experience with a firearm through participation in organized shooting competition or United States military service;
- 6. Is licensed or has been licensed to carry a concealed weapon or concealed firearm in this state or a county or municipality of this state, unless such license has been revoked for cause; or
- 7. Completion of any firearms training or safety course or class conducted by a state-certified or National Rifle Association certified firearms instructor;

A photocopy of a certificate of completion of any of the courses or classes; an affidavit from the instructor, school, club, organization, or group that conducted or taught such course or class attesting to the completion of the course or class by the applicant; or a copy of any document that shows completion of the course or class or evidences participation in firearms competition shall constitute evidence of qualification under this paragraph. A person who conducts a course pursuant to subparagraph 2., subparagraph 3., or subparagraph 7., or who, as an instructor, attests to the completion of such courses, must maintain records certifying that he or she observed the student safely handle and discharge the firearm in his or her physical presence and that the discharge of the firearm included live

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fire using a firearm and ammunition as defined in s. 790.001;
(3) $\underline{\text{(a)}}$ The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
shall deny a license if the applicant has been found guilty of,
had adjudication of guilt withheld for, or had imposition of
sentence suspended for one or more crimes of violence
constituting a misdemeanor, unless 3 years have elapsed since
probation or any other conditions set by the court have been
fulfilled or the record has been sealed or expunged. The
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall revoke a
license if the licensee has been found guilty of, had
adjudication of guilt withheld for, or had imposition of
sentence suspended for one or more crimes of violence within the
preceding 3 years. The department shall, upon notification by a
law enforcement agency, a court, clerk's office, or the Florida
Department of Law Enforcement and subsequent written
verification, temporarily suspend a license or the processing of
an application for a license if the licensee or applicant is
arrested or formally charged with a crime that would disqualify
such person from having a license under this section, until
final disposition of the case. The department shall suspend a
license or the processing of an application for a license if the
licensee or applicant is issued an injunction that restrains the
licensee or applicant from committing acts of domestic violence
or acts of repeat violence. The department shall notify the
licensee or applicant suspended under this section of his or her

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2267 right to a hearing pursuant to chapter 120. If the criminal case 2268 or injunction results in a nondisqualifying disposition and the 2269 applicant or licensee is otherwise eligible, the suspension 2270 shall end. The department must issue an order confirming the end of the suspension within 90 days after the applicant or 2271 2272 licensee's submission to the department of a copy of the final 2273 resolution of the criminal case or injunction. The copy provided 2274 to the department must be sent by electronic mail or certified 2275 mail to a location that must be specified on the notice of 2276 suspension received by the licensee or applicant. If the 2277 criminal case results in a disqualifying disposition, the 2278 suspension remains in effect and the department must proceed 2279 with denial or revocation proceedings pursuant to chapter 120. 2280 (b) This subsection does not limit, restrict, or inhibit 2281 the constitutional right to bear arms and carry a concealed 2282 weapon in this state. The Legislature finds it a matter of 2283 public policy and public safety that it is necessary to ensure 2284 that potentially disqualifying information about an applicant or 2285 licensee is investigated and processed in a timely manner by the department pursuant to this section. The Legislature intends to 2286 2287 clarify that suspensions pursuant to this section are temporary, 2288 and the department has the duty to make an eligibility 2289 determination and issue a license in the time frame prescribed 2290 in this subsection. 2291 (6)

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- (c) The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall, within 90 days after the date of receipt of the items listed in subsection (5):
 - 1. Issue the license; or
- 2. Deny the application based solely on the ground that the applicant fails to qualify under the criteria listed in subsection (2) or subsection (3). If the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services denies the application, it shall notify the applicant in writing, stating the ground for denial and informing the applicant of any right to a hearing pursuant to chapter 120.
- 3. In the event the result of the criminal history screening identifies department receives criminal history information related to a crime that may disqualify the applicant but does not contain with no final disposition of the crime or lacks sufficient information to make an eligibility determination on a crime which may disqualify the applicant, the time limitation prescribed by this paragraph may be extended for up to an additional 45 days after the receipt of the information suspended until receipt of the final disposition or proof of restoration of civil and firearm rights. The department may make a request for information to the jurisdiction where the criminal history information originated but must issue a license if it does not obtain a disposition or sufficient information to make an eligibility determination within the additional 45 days if

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2317	the applicant is otherwise eligible. The department may take any
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2320	period or after issuance of a license.

- (10) A license issued under this section <u>must shall</u> be <u>temporarily</u> suspended <u>as provided for in subparagraph (6)(c)3.,</u> or revoked pursuant to chapter 120 if <u>the license was issued in</u> error or if the licensee:
- (a) Is found to be ineligible under the criteria set forth in subsection (2);
- (b) Develops or sustains a physical infirmity which prevents the safe handling of a weapon or firearm;
- (c) Is convicted of a felony which would make the licensee ineligible to possess a firearm pursuant to s. 790.23;
- (d) Is found guilty of a crime under chapter 893, or similar laws of any other state, relating to controlled substances;
- (e) Is committed as a substance abuser under chapter 397, or is deemed a habitual offender under s. 856.011(3), or similar laws of any other state;
- (f) Is convicted of a second violation of s. 316.193, or a similar law of another state, within 3 years after a first conviction of such section or similar law of another state, even though the first violation may have occurred before the date on which the application was submitted;

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- 2342 (g) Is adjudicated an incapacitated person under s. 2343 744.331, or similar laws of any other state; or
- (h) Is committed to a mental institution under chapter 394, or similar laws of any other state.

Notwithstanding s. 120.60(5), service of a notice of the suspension or revocation of a concealed weapon or concealed firearm license must be given by either certified mail, return receipt requested, to the licensee at his or her last known mailing address furnished to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, or by personal service. If a notice given by certified mail is returned as undeliverable, a second attempt must be made to provide notice to the licensee at that address, by either first-class mail in an envelope, postage prepaid, addressed to the licensee at his or her last known mailing address furnished to the department, or, if the licensee has provided an e-mail address to the department, by e-mail. Such mailing by the department constitutes notice, and any failure by the licensee to receive such notice does not stay the effective date or term of the suspension or revocation. A request for hearing must be filed with the department within 21 days after notice is received by personal delivery, or within 26 days after the date the department deposits the notice in the United States mail (21 days plus 5 days for mailing). The department shall document its attempts to provide notice, and such documentation

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Section 78. Subsection (2) of section 812.0151, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

812.0151 Retail fuel theft.-

- (2) (a) A person commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084, if he or she willfully, knowingly, and without authorization:
- 1. Breaches a retail fuel dispenser or accesses any internal portion of a retail fuel dispenser; or
- 2. Possesses any device constructed for the purpose of fraudulently altering, manipulating, or interrupting the normal functioning of a retail fuel dispenser.
- (b) A person commits a felony of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084, if he or she willfully, knowingly, and without authorization:
- 1. Physically tampers with, manipulates, removes, replaces, or interrupts any mechanical or electronic component located on within the internal or external portion of a retail fuel dispenser; or
- 2. Uses any form of electronic communication to fraudulently alter, manipulate, or interrupt the normal functioning of a retail fuel dispenser.
- 2390 (c) A person commits a felony of the third degree,
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- 1. Obtains fuel as a result of violating paragraph (a) or paragraph (b); $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$
- 2. Modifies a vehicle's factory installed fuel tank or possesses any item used to hold fuel which was not fitted to a vehicle or conveyance at the time of manufacture with the intent to use such fuel tank or item to hold or transport fuel obtained as a result of violating paragraph (a) or paragraph (b); or
- 3. Possesses or uses any form of a payment instrument that can be used, alone or in conjunction with another access device, to authorize a fuel transaction or obtain fuel, including, but not limited to, a plastic payment card with a magnetic stripe or a chip encoded with account information or both, with the intent to defraud the fuel retailer, the authorized payment instrument financial account holder, or the banking institution that issued the payment instrument financial account.
- Section 79. Section 812.136, Florida Statutes, is created to read:
 - 812.136 Mail theft.-
- (1) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:
- (a) "Mail" means any letter, postal card, parcel,
 envelope, package, bag, or any other sealed article addressed to
 another, along with its contents.
 - (b) "Mail depository" means a mail box, letter box, mail

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2417	route, or mail receptacle of a postal service, an office of a
2418	postal service, or mail carrier of a postal service, or a
2419	vehicle of a postal service or any other authorized receptacle.
2420	(c) "Postal service" means the United States Postal
2421	Service or its contractors, or any commercial courier that
2422	delivers mail.
2423	(2) A person commits mail theft if he or she:
2424	(a) Knowingly removes mail from a mail depository or takes
2425	mail from a mail carrier of a postal service with an intent to
2426	temporarily or permanently:
2427	1. Deprive the intended recipient of his or her right to
2428	the mail.
2429	2. Appropriate the mail to his or her own use or the use
2430	of any person not entitled to the use of the mail.
2431	(b) Knowingly obtains custody of mail by fraud or
2432	deception with an intent to temporarily or permanently:
2433	1. Deprive the intended recipient of his or her right to
2434	the mail.
2435	2. Appropriate the mail to his or her own use or the use
2436	of any person not entitled to the use of the mail.
2437	(c) Sells, receives, possesses, transfers, buys, or
2438	conceals mail obtained in violation of paragraph (a) or
2439	paragraph (b) of this subsection, while he or she knows or
2440	should know the mail was obtained illegally

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(3) A person commits theft of or unauthorized reproduction

2442	of a mail depository key or lock if he or she:
2443	(a) Knowingly obtains or uses, or endeavors to obtain or
2444	use, any key or lock used by a postal service for a mail
2445	depository with the intent to temporarily or permanently:
2446	1. Deprive the owner of the key or lock of his or her
2447	right to the key or lock.
2448	2. Appropriate the key or lock to his or her own use or
2449	the use of any person not entitled to the use of the key or
2450	lock.
2451	(b) Knowingly and unlawfully makes, forges, or
2452	counterfeits any key adopted by a postal service for a mail
2453	depository for the deposit or delivery of mail with an intent to
2454	defraud any person or violate any provision of this section.
2455	(c) Sells, receives, possesses, transfers, buys, or
2456	conceals a key or lock obtained in violation of paragraph (a) or
2457	paragraph (b) while he or she knows or should know the key or
2458	lock was obtained illegally.
2459	(4)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), a violation of
2460	this section is a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as
2461	provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.
2462	(b) A second or subsequent violation of this section is a
2463	felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082
2464	or s. 775.084.
2465	Section 80. Paragraphs (i) through (g) of subsection (4)

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of section 934.50, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as

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of that	subsect	cion is	amended,	and a	new	paragraph	(q)	is	added
to that	subsect	tion, to	read:						

- 934.50 Searches and seizure using a drone.-
- (4) EXCEPTIONS.—This section does not prohibit the use of a drone:
- (i) By a person or an entity engaged in a business or profession licensed by the state, or by an agent, employee, or contractor thereof, if the drone is used only to perform reasonable tasks within the scope of practice or activities permitted under such person's or entity's license. However, this exception does not apply to a profession in which the licensee's authorized scope of practice includes obtaining information about the identity, habits, conduct, movements, whereabouts, affiliations, associations, transactions, reputation, or character of any society, person, or group of persons.
- (q) By a local governmental entity, or a person under contract with or acting under the direction of such entity, for activities with the purpose of managing and eradicating plant or animal diseases or activities consistent with chapters 369, 388, and 487.
- Section 81. Section 1013.373, Florida Statutes, is created to read:
- 2490 1013.373 Educational facilities used for agricultural education.—

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(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a local
government may not adopt any ordinance, regulation, rule, or
policy to prohibit, restrict, regulate, or otherwise limit any
activities of public educational facilities and auxiliary
facilities constructed by a board for agricultural education,
for Future Farmers of America or 4-H activities, or the storage
of any animal or equipment therein.

(2) Lands used for agricultural education or for Future

Farmers of America or 4-H activities are considered agricultural

lands pursuant to s. 193.461 and subject to s. 823.14.

Section 82. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 110.205, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section 295.07, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

295.07 Preference in appointment and retention.-

- (5) The following positions are exempt from this section:
- (a) Those positions that are exempt from the state Career Service System under s. 110.205(2); however, all positions under the University Support Personnel System of the State University System as well as all Career Service System positions under the Florida College System and the School for the Deaf and the Blind, or the equivalent of such positions at state universities, Florida College System institutions, or the School for the Deaf and the Blind, are not exempt.

Section 83. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment

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made by this act to section 388.271,	Florida	Statutes, in a
reference thereto, subsection (7) of	section	388.261, Florida
Statutes, is reenacted to read:		

388.261 State aid to counties and districts for arthropod control; distribution priorities and limitations.—

(7) The department may use state funds appropriated for a county or district under subsection (1) or subsection (2) to provide state mosquito or other arthropod control equipment, supplies, or services when requested by a county or district eligible to receive state funds under s. 388.271.

Section 84. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 388.271, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 189.062, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

189.062 Special procedures for inactive districts.-

- (1) The department shall declare inactive any special district in this state by documenting that:
- (a) The special district meets one of the following criteria:
- 1. The registered agent of the district, the chair of the governing body of the district, or the governing body of the appropriate local general-purpose government notifies the department in writing that the district has taken no action for 2 or more years;
- 2. The registered agent of the district, the chair of the 608325 h0651-strike.docx

governing body of the district, or the governing body of the appropriate local general-purpose government notifies the department in writing that the district has not had a governing body or a sufficient number of governing body members to constitute a quorum for 2 or more years;

- 3. The registered agent of the district, the chair of the governing body of the district, or the governing body of the appropriate local general-purpose government fails to respond to an inquiry by the department within 21 days;
- 4. The department determines, pursuant to s. 189.067, that the district has failed to file any of the reports listed in s. 189.066;
- 5. The district has not had a registered office and agent on file with the department for 1 or more years;
- 6. The governing body of a special district provides documentation to the department that it has unanimously adopted a resolution declaring the special district inactive. The special district is responsible for payment of any expenses associated with its dissolution;
- 7. The district is an independent special district or a community redevelopment district created under part III of chapter 163 that has reported no revenue, no expenditures, and no debt under s. 189.016(9) or s. 218.32 for at least 5 consecutive fiscal years beginning no earlier than October 1, 2018. This subparagraph does not apply to a community

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development district established under chapter 190 or to any independent special district operating pursuant to a special act that provides that any amendment to chapter 190 to grant additional powers constitutes a power of that district; or

8. For a mosquito control district created pursuant to chapter 388, the department has received notice from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services that the district has failed to file a tentative work plan and tentative detailed work plan budget as required by s. 388.271.

Section 85. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 482.161, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 482.072, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

482.072 Pest control customer contact centers.-

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- (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section:
- 1. A customer contact center licensee is subject to disciplinary action under s. 482.161 for a violation of this section or a rule adopted under this section committed by a person who solicits pest control services or provides customer service in a customer contact center.
- 2. A pest control business licensee may be subject to disciplinary action under s. 482.161 for a violation of this section or a rule adopted under this section committed by a person who solicits pest control services or provides customer

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service in a customer contact center operated by a licensee if the licensee participates in the violation.

Section 86. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 482.161, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, section 482.163, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

482.163 Responsibility for pest control activities of employee.—Proper performance of pest control activities by a pest control business employee is the responsibility not only of the employee but also of the certified operator in charge, and the certified operator in charge may be disciplined pursuant to the provisions of s. 482.161 for the pest control activities of an employee. A licensee may not automatically be considered responsible for violations made by an employee. However, the licensee may not knowingly encourage, aid, or abet violations of this chapter.

Section 87. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 487.044, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, section 487.156, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

487.156 Governmental agencies.—All governmental agencies shall be subject to the provisions of this part and rules adopted under this part. Public applicators using or supervising the use of restricted-use pesticides shall be subject to examination as provided in s. 487.044.

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Section 88. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 496.405, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, subsection (2) of section 496.4055, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

496.4055 Charitable organization or sponsor board duties.-

(2) The board of directors, or an authorized committee thereof, of a charitable organization or sponsor required to register with the department under s. 496.405 shall adopt a policy regarding conflict of interest transactions. The policy shall require annual certification of compliance with the policy by all directors, officers, and trustees of the charitable organization. A copy of the annual certification shall be submitted to the department with the annual registration statement required by s. 496.405.

Section 89. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 496.405, Florida Statutes, in references thereto, subsections (2) and (4) of section 496.406, Florida Statutes, are reenacted to read:

496.406 Exemption from registration.

- (2) Before soliciting contributions, a charitable organization or sponsor claiming to be exempt from the registration requirements of s. 496.405 under paragraph (1)(d) must submit annually to the department, on forms prescribed by the department:
- (a) The name, street address, and telephone number of the 608325 h0651-strike.docx

charitable organization or sponsor, the name under which it intends to solicit contributions, the purpose for which it is organized, and the purpose or purposes for which the contributions to be solicited will be used.

- (b) The tax exempt status of the organization.
- (c) The date on which the organization's fiscal year ends.
- (d) The names, street addresses, and telephone numbers of the individuals or officers who have final responsibility for the custody of the contributions and who will be responsible for the final distribution of the contributions.
- (e) A financial statement of support, revenue, and expenses and a statement of functional expenses that must include, but not be limited to, expenses in the following categories: program, management and general, and fundraising. In lieu of the financial statement, a charitable organization or sponsor may submit a copy of its Internal Revenue Service Form 990 and all attached schedules or Internal Revenue Service Form 990-EZ and Schedule O.
- (4) Exemption from the registration requirements of s. 496.405 does not limit the applicability of other provisions of this section to a charitable organization or sponsor.

Section 90. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 500.12, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 500.80, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

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2667 500.80 Cottage food operations.—

(1) (a) A cottage food operation must comply with the applicable requirements of this chapter but is exempt from the permitting requirements of s. 500.12 if the cottage food operation complies with this section and has annual gross sales of cottage food products that do not exceed \$250,000.

Section 91. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 500.172, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, subsection (6) of section 500.121, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

500.121 Disciplinary procedures.-

(6) If the department determines that a food offered in a food establishment is labeled with nutrient claims that are in violation of this chapter, the department shall retest or reexamine the product within 90 days after notification to the manufacturer and to the firm at which the product was collected. If the product is again found in violation, the department shall test or examine the product for a third time within 60 days after the second notification. The product manufacturer shall reimburse the department for the cost of the third test or examination. If the product is found in violation for a third time, the department shall exercise its authority under s. 500.172 and issue a stop-sale or stop-use order. The department may impose additional sanctions for violations of this subsection.

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Section 92. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 790.06, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, section 790.061, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

790.061 Judges and justices; exceptions from licensure provisions.—A county court judge, circuit court judge, district court of appeal judge, justice of the supreme court, federal district court judge, or federal court of appeals judge serving in this state is not required to comply with the provisions of s. 790.06 in order to receive a license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm, except that any such justice or judge must comply with the provisions of s. 790.06(2)(h). The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall issue a license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm to any such justice or judge upon demonstration of competence of the justice or judge pursuant to s. 790.06(2)(h).

Section 93. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

TITLE AMENDMENT

Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; amending s. 110.205, F.S.;

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providing that certain positions in the department are exempt from the Career Service System; amending s. 163.3162, F.S.; providing definitions; prohibiting governmental entities from adopting or enforcing any legislation that inhibits the construction or installation of housing for legally verified agricultural workers on agricultural land operated as a bona fide farm; requiring that the construction or installation of such housing units on agricultural lands satisfies certain criteria; requiring that local ordinances comply with certain regulations; authorizing governmental entities to adopt local land use regulations that are less restrictive; requiring property owners to maintain certain records for a specified timeframe; requiring that use of a housing site be discontinued and authorizing the removal of a such site under certain circumstances; specifying applicability of permit allocation systems in certain areas of critical state concern; authorizing the continued use of housing sites constructed before the effective date of the act if certain conditions are met; requiring the department to adopt certain rules; providing for enforcement; requiring the department to submit certain information to the State Board of Immigration Enforcement on a certain schedule;

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amending s. 201.25, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 253.0341, F.S.; authorizing the department to surplus certain lands determined to be suitable for bona fide agricultural production; requiring the department to consult with the Department of Environmental Protection before making such determination; requiring the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to retain a rurallands-protection easement for all surplused lands and deposit all proceeds into a specified trust fund; requiring the department to provide a report of lands surplused to the board of trustees; providing that certain lands are ineligible to be surplused; providing for retroactive applicability; amending s. 330.41, F.S.; providing definitions; prohibiting a person from knowingly or willfully performing certain actions on lands classified as agricultural or on private property, state wildlife management lands, or a sport shooting and training range; providing criminal penalties; providing applicability; creating s. 366.20, F.S.; requiring that certain lands acquired or owned by an electric utility be offered for fee simple acquisition by the department before the land may be offered for sale or transferred to a private individual or entity; providing retroactive

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applicability; amending s. 366.94, F.S.; defining the term "electric vehicle charging station"; authorizing the department to adopt rules; requiring local governmental entities to issue permits for electric vehicle charging stations based on specified standards and provisions of law; requiring that an electric vehicle charger be registered with the department before being placed into service for use by the public; providing the department with certain authority relating to electric vehicle charging stations; providing a penalty; authorizing the department to issue an immediate final order to an electric vehicle charging station under certain circumstances; providing that the department may bring an action to enjoin a violation of specified provisions or rules; requiring the court to issue a temporary or permanent injunction under certain circumstances; amending s. 388.011, F.S.; revising the definition of the terms "board of commissioners" and "district"; defining the term "program"; amending s. 388.021, F.S.; making a technical change; amending s. 388.181, F.S.; authorizing programs to perform specified actions; amending s. 388.201, F.S.; requiring that the tentative work plan budget covering the proposed operations and requirements for arthropod

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control measures show the estimated amount to be raised by county, municipality, or district taxes; requiring that county commissioners' or a similar governing body's mosquito control budget be made and adopted pursuant to specified provisions and requiring that summary figures be incorporated into the county budgets as prescribed by the department; amending s. 388.241, F.S.; providing that certain rights, powers, and duties be vested in the board of county commissioners or similar governing body of a county or municipality; amending s. 388.261, F.S.; increasing the amount of state funds, supplies, services, or equipment for a certain number of years for any new program for the control of mosquitos and other arthropods which serves an area not previously served by a county, municipality, or district; amending s. 388.271, F.S.; requiring each program participating in arthropod control activities to file a tentative integrated arthropod management plan with the department by a specified date; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 388.281, F.S.; requiring that all funds, supplies, and services released to programs be used in accordance with the integrated arthropod management plan and certified budget; requiring that such integrated arthropod

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management plan and certified budget be approved by both the department and the board of county commissioners and an appropriate representative; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 388.291, F.S.; providing that a program may perform certain source reduction measures in any area providing that the department has approved the operating or construction plan as outlined in the integrated arthropod management plan; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 388.301, F.S.; revising the schedule by which state funds for the control of mosquitos and other arthropods may be paid; amending ss. 388.311 and 388.321, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 388.322, F.S.; requiring the department to maintain a record and inventory of certain property purchased with state funds for arthropod control use; amending s. 388.323, F.S.; providing that certain equipment no longer needed by a program be first offered for sale to other programs engaged in arthropod control at a specified price; requiring that all proceeds from the sale of certain property owned by a program and purchased using state funds be deposited in the program's state fund account; amending s. 388.341, F.S.; requiring a

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program receiving state aid to submit a monthly report of all expenditures from all funds for arthropod control by a specified timeframe as may be required by the department; amending ss. 388.351 and 388.361, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 388.3711, F.S.; revising the department's enforcement powers; amending ss. 388.381, 388.391, and 388.401, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 388.46, F.S.; revising the composition of the Florida Coordinating Council on Mosquito Control; amending s. 403.067, F.S.; providing an exception for inspection requirements for certain agricultural producers; authorizing the department to adopt rules establishing an enrollment in best management practices by rule process; authorizing the department to identify best management practices for specified landowners; requiring the department to perform onsite inspections annually of a certain percentage of all enrollments that meet specified qualifications within a specified area; providing requirements for such inspections; requiring agricultural producers enrolled by rule in a best management practice to submit nutrient records annually to the department; requiring the department to collect and retain such records; amending s.

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403.852, F.S.; defining the term "water quality additive"; amending s. 403.859, F.S.; providing that the use of certain additives in a water system which do not meet the definition of water quality additive or certain other additives is prohibited and violates specified provisions; amending s. 482.111, F.S.; revising requirements for the renewal of a pest control operator's certificate; authorizing a thirdparty vendor to collect and retain a convenience fee; amending s. 482.141, F.S.; requiring the department to provide in-person and remote testing for the examination through a third-party vendor for an individual seeking pest control operator certification; authorizing a third-party vendor to collect and retain a convenience fee; amending s. 482.155, F.S.; requiring the department to provide inperson and remote testing for the examination through a third-party vendor for an individual seeking limited certification for a governmental pesticide applicator or a private applicator; authorizing a third-party vendor to collect and retain a convenience fee; deleting provisions requiring the department to make such examination readily accessible and available to all applicants on a specified schedule; amending s. 482.156, F.S.; requiring the department to provide in-

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person and remote testing for the examination through a third-party vendor for an individual seeking a limited certification for commercial landscape maintenance; authorizing a third-party vendor to collect and retain a convenience fee; removing provisions requiring the department to make such examination readily accessible and available to all applicants on a specified schedule; amending s. 482.157, F.S.; revising requirements for issuance of a limited certification for commercial wildlife management personnel; authorizing a third-party vendor to collect and retain a convenience fee; deleting provisions requiring the department to make an examination readily accessible and available to all applicants on a specified schedule; amending s. 482.161, F.S.; authorizing the department to take specified disciplinary action upon the issuance of a final order imposing civil penalties or a criminal conviction pursuant to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act; amending s. 487.044, F.S.; requiring the department to provide in-person and remote testing through a third-party vendor for the examination of an individual seeking a limited certification for pesticide application; authorizing a third-party vendor to collect and retain a convenience

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fee; amending s. 487.175, F.S.; providing that the department may suspend, revoke, or deny licensure of a pesticide applicator upon issuance of a final order to a licensee which imposes civil penalties or a criminal conviction under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act; amending s. 496.404, F.S.; defining the terms "controlling interest," "foreign country of concern," and "foreign source of concern"; amending s. 496.405, F.S.; revising which documents a charitable organization or sponsor must file before engaging in specified activities; requiring that any changes to such documents be reported to the department on a specified form in a specified timeframe; revising the requirements of the charitable organization's initial registration statement; authorizing the department to investigate or refer to the Florida Elections Commission certain violations of the charitable organization or sponsor; amending s. 496.415, F.S.; prohibiting specified persons from soliciting or accepting anything of value from a foreign source of concern; amending s. 496.417, F.S.; authorizing the department to investigate or refer to the Florida Elections Commission certain violations of a charitable organization or sponsor; amending s. 496.419, F.S.; providing penalties for a charitable

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organization or sponsor whose registration is denied or revoked for submitting a false attestation; creating s. 496.431, F.S.; requiring the department to create the Honest Service Registry to provide residents with information relating to charitable organizations; requiring a charitable organization included in the Honest Services Registry to submit an attestation statement to the department; requiring the department to publish the Honest Services Registry on the department's website; requiring the department to adopt rules; amending s. 500.03, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "cottage food product"; amending s. 500.12, F.S.; providing that the department requires a food permit from any person or business that operates a food establishment; revising exceptions; revising the schedule for renewing certain food permits; authorizing the department to establish a single permit renewal date for certain food establishments; amending s. 500.166, F.S.; requiring certain persons engaged in interstate commerce to retain all records that show certain information for a specified timeframe; amending s. 500.172, F.S.; authorizing the department to facilitate the destruction of certain articles that violate specified provisions; prohibiting certain persons from certain

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actions without permission from, or in accord with a written agreement with, the department; creating s. 500.75, F.S.; providing that it is unlawful to transport or offer to transport, import into this state, sell or offer for sale, furnish, or give away certain spores or mycelium; providing penalties; creating s. 500.93, F.S.; providing definitions; requiring the department to adopt rules to enforce the Food and Drug Administration's standard of identity for milk, meat, poultry, and eggs to prohibit the sale of plant-based products mislabeled as milk, meat, poultry, or eggs; providing contingent effective dates; requiring the department to adopt rules; providing construction; repealing s. 501.135, F.S., relating to consumer unit pricing; amending s. 501.912, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "antifreeze"; creating s. 525.19, F.S.; requiring the department to create an annual petroleum registration program for petroleum owners or operators; requiring the department to adopt rules for such registration which include specified information; requiring that the registration program be free for all registrants; authorizing the department to require registrants to provide certain information during a state of emergency; creating s. 526.147, F.S.; creating the

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Florida Retail Fuel Transfer Switch Modernization
Grant Program within the department; requiring the
grant program to provide funds up to a certain amount
to be used for installation and equipment costs
relating to installing or modernizing transfer switch
infrastructure at retail fuel facilities; requiring
the department to award funds based on specified
criteria; requiring retail fuel facilities awarded
grant funds to comply with specified provisions;
requiring such facilities to install a transfer switch
with specified capabilities; requiring retail fuel
facilities to provide specified documentation before
being awarded funding; prohibiting certain facilities
from being awarded funding; requiring the department,
in consultation with the Division of Emergency
Management, to adopt rules; requiring that such rules
include specified information; amending s. 531.48,
F.S.; requiring that certain packages bear specified
information on the outside of the package; amending s.
531.49, F.S.; revising requirements for the
advertising of a packaged commodity; amending s.
564.06, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made
by the act; amending s. 570.07, F.S.; requiring the
department to foster and encourage the employment and
retention of qualified veterinary pathologists;

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providing that the department may reimburse the educational expenses of certain veterinary pathologists who enter into a certain agreement with the department; requiring the department to adopt certain rules; requiring the department to extend certain opportunities to public school students enrolled in agricultural education to support Future Farmers of America programming; requiring the department to use contracts procured by agencies; defining the term "agency"; amending s. 570.544, F.S.; revising which provisions the director of the Division of Consumer Services must enforce; creating s. 570.546, F.S.; authorizing the department to create a process for the bulk renewal of licenses; authorizing the department to create a process that will allow licensees to align the expiration dates of licenses within a specified program; authorizing the department to change the expiration date for current licenses for a certain purpose; requiring the department to prorate the licensing fee for certain licenses; requiring the department to adopt rules; creating s. 570.694, F.S.; creating the Florida Aquaculture Foundation as a direct support organization within the department; providing the purpose of the foundation; providing governance for the foundation; authorizing the

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department to appoint an advisory committee adjunct to	C
the foundation; amending s. 570.822, F.S.; revising	
the definition of the terms "declared natural	
disaster" and "program"; providing that loan funds	
from the department may be used to restock	
aquaculture; authorizing the department to renew a	
loan application under certain circumstances;	
authorizing the department to defer or waive loan	
payments under certain circumstances; creating s.	
570.823, F.S.; providing definitions; establishing the	Э
silviculture emergency recovery program within the	
department to administer a grant program to assist	
certain timber landowners; requiring that such grants	
be used for certain purposes; requiring that only	
timber lands located on agricultural property are	
eligible for the program; requiring the department to	
coordinate with state agencies to provide financial	
assistance to timber landowners after a specified	
declared emergency; providing construction;	
authorizing the department to adopt rules; providing	
construction; amending s. 581.1843, F.S.; removing	
provisions that exclude certain citrus nurseries from	
certain requirements and that regulate areas around	
the perimeter of commercial citrus nurseries;	
repealing ss. 593.101, 593.102, 593.103, 593.104,	

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3068	593.111, 593.112, 593.113, 593.114, 593.1141,
3069	593.1142, 593.115, 593.116, and 593.117, F.S.,
3070	relating to the Florida Boll Weevil Eradication Law;
3071	definitions; powers and duties of Department of
3072	Agriculture and Consumer Services; the entry of
3073	premises to carry out boll weevil eradication
3074	activities and inspections; reports by persons growing
3075	cotton; quarantine areas and the regulation of
3076	articles within a boll weevil eradication zone; the
3077	regulation of collection, transportation,
3078	distribution, and movement of cotton; cooperative
3079	programs for persons engaged in growing, processing,
3080	marketing, or handling cotton; the department's
3081	authority to designate eradication zones, prohibit
3082	planting of cotton, and require participation in
3083	eradication program; regulation of the pasturage of
3084	livestock, entry by persons, and location of honeybee
3085	colonies in eradication zones and other areas;
3086	eligibility for certification of cotton growers'
3087	organization; the certification of cotton growers'
3088	organization; a referendum; an assessment; the
3089	department's authority to enter agreements with the
3090	Farm Service Agency; liens; mandamus or injunction;
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received, respectively; amending s. 595.404, F.S.; revising the department's powers and duties regarding school nutrition programs; amending s. 599.002, F.S.; renaming the Viticulture Advisory Council as the Florida Wine Advisory Council; revising the membership of the Florida Wine Advisory Council; amending s. 599.003, F.S.; renaming the State Viticulture Plan as the State Wine Plan; amending s. 599.004, F.S.; providing that wineries that fail to recertify annually or pay a specified licensing fee are subject to certain actions and costs; amending s. 599.012, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 616.12, F.S.; removing provisions requiring a person who operates a minstrel show in connection with any certain public fairs to pay specified license taxes; removing a provision that exempts such person from paying specified taxes; creating s. 687.16, F.S.; providing a short title; providing definitions; prohibiting a financial institution from discriminating in the provision of financial services to an agricultural producer based on an ESG factor; providing an inference with regard to a certain violation; providing that the financial institution may overcome the inference by making certain demonstrations regarding its denial or

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restriction of financial services to an agricultural producer; authorizing the Attorney General to enforce specified provisions; providing that a violation of specified provisions constitutes an unfair and deceptive trade practice; authorizing the Attorney General to investigate and seek remedies for such unfair trade practices; authorizing an aggrieved party to seek an action for damages; amending s. 741.0305, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 790.06, F.S.; revising the circumstances under which the department may temporarily suspend a person's license to carry a concealed weapon or concealed firearm or the processing of an application for such license; requiring the department to notify certain licensees or applicants of his or her right to a hearing; requiring that the hearing regarding such suspension of license be for a limited purpose; requiring the department to issue an order lifting the suspension of an applicant's license upon a certain disposition of the criminal case; requiring that the suspension remain in effect upon a certain disposition of the criminal case; providing construction; providing legislative findings; revising the duties of the department after the date of receipt of a completed application for a license to carry a

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concealed weapon or concealed firearm; requiring that
a license issued under this section be temporarily
suspended or revoked if the license was issued in
error or if the licensee commits certain actions;
amending s. 812.0151, F.S.; revising the elements of
third degree and second degree felony retail fuel
theft; creating s. 812.136, F.S.; providing
definitions; providing elements for the crime of mail
theft; providing elements of theft of or unauthorized
reproduction of a mail depository key or lock;
providing criminal penalties; amending s. 934.50,
F.S.; removing certain exceptions from the prohibited
uses of drones; creating s. 1013.373, F.S.;
prohibiting a local government from adopting any
measure to limit the activities of public educational
facilities or auxiliary facilities constructed by
certain organizations; requiring that lands used for
agricultural education or for the Future Farmers of
America or 4-H activities be considered agricultural
lands; reenacting s. 295.07(5)(a), F.S., relating to
preference in appointment and retention, to
incorporate the amendment made to s. 110.205, F.S., in
a reference thereto; reenacting ss. 189.062(1)(a) and
388.261(7), F.S., relating to special procedures for
inactive districts and state aid to counties and

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districts for arthropod control, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 388.271, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting ss. 482.072(3)(b) and 482.163, F.S., relating to pest control customer contact centers and responsibility for pest control activities of employee, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 482.161, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s. 487.156, F.S., relating to governmental agencies, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 487.044, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting ss. 496.4055(2) and 496.406(2) and (4), F.S., relating to charitable organization or sponsor board duties and exemption from registration, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 496.405, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s. 500.80(1)(a), F.S., relating to cottage food operations, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 500.12, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting s. 500.121(6), F.S., relating to disciplinary procedures, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 500.172, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting s. 790.061, F.S., relating to judges and justices, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 790.06, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing effective dates.

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