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The Committee on Fiscal Policy (Truenow) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (m) of subsection (2) of section
110.205, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

110.205 Career service; exemptions.—

(2) EXEMPT POSITIONS.—The exempt positions that are not
covered by this part include the following:

(m) All assistant division director, deputy division



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director, and bureau chief positions in any department, and those positions determined by the department to have managerial responsibilities comparable to such positions, which include, but are not limited to:

1. Positions in The Department of Health and the 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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Enforcement.

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.

Section 2. Present 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.—

(2) 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;
3. Has been verified through the process provided in s. 448.095(2) and is authorized to work at the time of employment;
4. Is seasonally or annually employed in bona fide



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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 jurisdiction over the agricultural lands may also require submittal of a copy of the written notice.

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 climate-



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controlled 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:

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;

b. A masonry wall at least 6 feet in height and finished on all sides with brick, stone, or painted or pigmented stucco;

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 capacity of 75 percent at the time of installation.

7. All access driveways that serve the housing site must be



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127 made of packed shell, gravel, or a similar material that will
128 provide a relatively dust-free surface.

129 (c) Any local ordinance adopted pursuant to this subsection
130 must comply with all state and federal regulations for migrant
131 farmworker housing, as applicable, including rules adopted by
132 the Department of Health pursuant to ss. 381.008-381.00897 and
133 federal regulations under the Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural
134 Worker Protection Act or the H-2A visa program. A governmental
135 entity may adopt local government land use regulations that are
136 less restrictive than this subsection, but which still meet
137 regulations established by the Department of Health pursuant to
138 ss. 381.008-381.00897 and federal regulations under the Migrant
139 and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act or the H-2A visa
140 program. An ordinance adopted pursuant to this paragraph may not
141 conflict with the definition and requirements of a legally
142 verified agricultural worker.

143 (d) Beginning July 1, 2025, a property owner must maintain
144 records of all approved permits, including successor permits,
145 for migrant labor camps or residential migrant housing as
146 required under s. 381.0081. A property owner must maintain such
147 records for at least 3 years and make the records available for
148 inspection within 14 days after receipt of a request for records
149 by a governmental entity.

150 (e) A housing site may not continue to be used and may be
151 required to be removed under the following circumstances:

152 1. If, for any reason, a housing site is not being used for
153 legally verified agricultural workers for longer than 365 days,
154 any structure used as living quarters must be removed from the
155 housing site within 180 days after receipt of written



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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 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



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

(6) DATA COLLECTION.—The department shall adopt rules providing for:

(a) A method for government 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.

Government 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 government 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



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to the State Board of Immigration Enforcement on a quarterly basis, except that the first quarter shall begin 60 days after the first quarterly data report under subsection (6) by a government entity is received and reviewed by the department.

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 Emergency ~~Natural Disaster~~ 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 surplus, 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 fee simple land acquisition pursuant to ss. 570.71 and 570.715. By January 1, 2026, and each January 1 thereafter, the



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Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall provide a report of lands surplused pursuant to this subsection to the 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. Present paragraphs (a) through (d) and (e) of subsection (2) and subsection (6) of section 330.41, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs (b) through (e) and (j) of subsection (2) and subsection (8), respectively, a new paragraph (a) and paragraphs (f), (g), (h), and (i) are added to subsection (2) and new subsection (6) and subsection (7) are added to that section, and paragraph (d) of subsection (4) of that section is amended, 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 property.

(g) "Property owner" means the owner or owners of record 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



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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 paragraph (2)(b) ~~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.

2. Allow a drone to make contact with any person or object on the premises of or within the boundaries of such lands.

3. Allow a drone to come within a distance close enough to such lands to interfere with or cause a disturbance to agricultural production.

(b) A person who violates paragraph (a) commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. A person who commits a second or subsequent violation commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

(c) This subsection does not apply to actions identified in paragraph (a) which are committed by:



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1. The owner of the agricultural lands.

2. A person acting under the prior written consent of the owner of the agricultural lands.

3. A person or entity acting in compliance with the provisions of s. 934.50.

(7) PROTECTION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY AND STATE HUNTING LANDS.—

(a) A person may not knowingly or willfully allow a drone to make contact with private property, state wildlife management lands, or a sport shooting and training range or any person or object on the premises of or within such property with the intent to harass.

(b) A person who violates paragraph (a) commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. A person who commits a second or subsequent violation commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

(c) A person who violates paragraph (a) and records video of the private property, state wildlife management lands, or sport shooting and training range, including any person or object on the premises of or within the private property, state wildlife management lands, or sport shooting and training range, commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. A person who commits a second or subsequent violation commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

(d) This subsection does not apply to actions identified in paragraph (a) which are committed by:



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1. The property owner of the private property or sport shooting and training range, or a person acting under the prior written consent of the property owner.

2. A person or entity acting in compliance with the provisions of s. 934.50.

Section 6. Effective July, 31 2026, section 366.20, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

366.20 Sale and management of lands owned by electric utilities.—

(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 by 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 by the department 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 sent through



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certified mail to the Commissioner of Agriculture.

(b) Within 30 days after the date of receipt by certified mail of the written intent by an electric utility to sell or transfer such land, the commissioner may issue a written intent to purchase via certified mail to the electric utility that issued the intent to sell. If the commissioner declines, or does not issue an intent to purchase within the 30 day timeframe, the electric utility is released from the requirements of this section.

(4) Offers accepted by the department pursuant to paragraph (3)(b) which are received no later than 6 months before the start of the regular legislative session must be executed no later than July 31 following that regular legislative session.

(5) The department shall adopt rules to implement this section.

Section 7. Present subsections (3) and (4) of section 366.94, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (4) and (5), respectively, a new subsection (3) is added to that section, and subsection (2) of that section is amended, to read:

366.94 Electric vehicle charging.—

(2)(a) As used in this section, the term "electric vehicle charging station" means the area in the immediate vicinity of electric vehicle supply equipment and includes the electric vehicle supply equipment, supporting equipment, and associated parking spaces. The regulation of electric vehicle charging stations is preempted to the state.

(b)~~(a)~~ A local governmental entity may not enact or enforce an ordinance or regulation related to electric vehicle charging stations.



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(3) (a) ~~(b)~~ The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall adopt rules to implement this subsection and to provide requirements for electric vehicle charging stations to allow for consistency for consumers and the industry.

(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 thereto. 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 category pursuant to s. 570.971 for each violation.

(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



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417 issue an immediate final order prohibiting the use of the
418 electric vehicle charging station or any portion thereof.

419 (g) In addition to the remedies provided in this
420 subsection, and notwithstanding the existence of any adequate
421 remedy at law, the department may bring an action to enjoin a
422 violation of this subsection or rules adopted under this
423 subsection in the circuit court of the county in which the
424 violation occurs or is about to occur. Upon demonstration of
425 competent and substantial evidence by the department to the
426 court of the violation or threatened violation, the court shall
427 immediately issue the temporary or permanent injunction sought
428 by the department. The injunction must be issued without bond.

429 Section 8. Present subsections (10) and (11) of section
430 388.011, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (11)
431 and (12), respectively, a new subsection (10) is added to that
432 section, and subsections (2) and (5) of that section are
433 amended, to read:

434 388.011 Definitions.—As used in this chapter:

435 (2) “Board of commissioners” means the governing body of
436 any mosquito control program district, and may include boards of
437 county commissioners, city councils, municipalities, or other
438 similar governing bodies when context so indicates.

439 (5) “District” means any mosquito control special district
440 established in this state by law for the express purpose of
441 controlling arthropods within boundaries of such ~~said~~ districts.

442 (10) “Program” means any governmental jurisdiction that
443 conducts mosquito control, whether it be a special district,
444 county, or municipality.

445 Section 9. Section 388.021, Florida Statutes, is amended to



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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 promulgated hereunder. Therefore, any municipality ~~city~~, 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 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.



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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 programs ~~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 programs ~~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 must ~~shall~~ set forth, 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.

(2) The tentative detailed work plan budget must ~~shall~~ 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.



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(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, adopt and execute on a form furnished by the department a certified budget for the programs ~~district~~ which shall be the operating and fiscal guide for the program ~~district~~. Certified copies of this budget must ~~shall~~ be submitted by September 30 to the department for approval.

(5) County commissioners' mosquito and arthropod control 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 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



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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 \$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 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.

(2) 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.



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(3) Every county shall be limited to receive a total of \$120,000 of state funds, exclusive of state funds brought 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 program ~~local mosquito control agency~~ exists in a county or municipality, the funds must ~~shall~~ be prorated between the programs ~~agencies~~ based on the population served by each program ~~agency~~.

(6) The Commissioner of Agriculture may exempt counties, municipalities, or districts from the requirements in subsection (1), 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, supplies, or services necessary to administer the provisions of this chapter.



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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 ~~counties or districts~~ ~~shall~~ be made in accordance 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:



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388.281 Use of state matching funds.—

(1) All funds, supplies, and services released to programs ~~counties and districts~~ hereunder must ~~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 program ~~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.—

(1) Any program ~~county or district~~ may perform source 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.

(2) The program ~~county or district~~ shall manage the



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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 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, 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 program's ~~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~~



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~~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 purchased with state funds for arthropod control use owned by the program ~~must district shall~~ be maintained in accordance with s. 274.02.

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 purchased using state funds for arthropod control use no longer needed by a program ~~must county or district shall~~ first be offered to any ~~or all~~ other programs ~~counties or districts~~ 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, must ~~shall~~ be followed if it is determined that no other program ~~county or district~~ 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 program and purchased using state funds ~~county or district~~ shall be deposited in the program's



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~~county's or district's~~ 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 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 each program participating under this chapter shall provide 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 program ~~county or district~~ and obtaining its approval, is authorized to transfer equipment, materials, and personnel from one program ~~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



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occur on public or private land in this state, and to do all things necessary in the exercise of such authority. Prior to the start of treatments for the control of mosquitoes or 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 issue a written warning, impose a fine; 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 imposition of a fine, or denial, revocation, or suspension of a certification or license or disbursal of state aid would be detrimental to the public or be



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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 programs ~~counties and district~~.—Any program conducting ~~county or district carrying on an~~ arthropod control ~~program~~ may cooperate with another county, district, or municipality in carrying out work ~~a program~~ 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 programs ~~districts~~.—Any program ~~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 program ~~district~~, when requested to do so by the municipality or county, pursuant to s. 388.381.

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

388.401 Penalty for damage to property or operations.—Whoever ~~shall~~ willfully damages ~~damage~~ any of the property of any program ~~county or district~~ created under this or other



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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 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 Conservation Commission.
4. The state epidemiologist.
5. The Commissioner of Agriculture.
6. The Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund.
7. Representatives from:
 - a. The University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, Florida Medical Entomological Research Laboratory.



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b. The United States Environmental Protection Agency.

c. The United States Department of Agriculture, Center of Medical, Agricultural, and Veterinary Entomology Insects 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.—

(7) DEVELOPMENT OF BASIN MANAGEMENT PLANS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS.—

(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



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

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.

3. 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



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~~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 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 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;

e. A parcel not abutting an impaired water body identified in subsection (4); and

f. A parcel not part of a larger operation that is enrolled in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services best



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management practices or conducting water quality monitoring
prescribed by the department or a water management district.

Such requirements must specify design or performance criteria
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
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:

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



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(19) "Water quality additive" means any chemical, additive, or substance that is used in a public water system for the purpose of:

(a) Meeting or surpassing primary or secondary drinking water standards;

(b) Preventing, reducing, or removing contaminants; or

(c) Improving water quality.

Section 32. Subsection (8) is added to section 403.859, Florida Statutes, to read:

403.859 Prohibited acts.—The following acts and the causing thereof are prohibited and are violations of this act:

(8) The use of any additive in a public water system which does not meet the definition of a water quality additive as defined in s. 403.852(19).

Section 33. Subsection (10) of section 482.111, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

482.111 Pest control operator's certificate.—

(10) In order to renew a certificate, the certificateholder must complete 2 hours of approved continuing education on legislation, safety, pesticide labeling, and integrated pest management and 2 hours of approved continuing education in each category of her or his certificate or 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~~. 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:



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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 other information as required by the department.

(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



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~~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;
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~~



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~~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 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



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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 examination ~~and make the examination readily available to applicants in each county as necessary, but not less frequently than quarterly;~~ and

(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



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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:

487.044 Certification; examination.—

(2) The department shall require each applicant for a 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



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containers, as well as the cleaning and decontamination of the equipment which the applicant proposes to use.

(g) Applicable state and federal pesticide laws, rules, and regulations.

(h) General safety precautions.

Section 40. Subsection (6) is added to section 487.175, Florida Statutes, to read:

487.175 Penalties; administrative fine; injunction.—

(6) Licensure may be suspended, revoked, or denied by the department, upon the issuance of a final order to a licensee 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 41. Present subsections (13) through (28) of section 496.404, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (15) through (30), respectively, and new subsections (13) and (14) are added to that section, to read:

496.404 Definitions.—As used in ss. 496.401-496.424, the term:

(13) "Foreign country of concern" has the same meaning as in s. 286.101(1)(b).

(14) "Foreign source of concern" means any of the following:

(a) The government or any official of the government of a foreign country of concern;

(b) A political party or member of a political party or any subdivision of a political party in a foreign country of concern;

(c) A partnership, an association, a corporation, an



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organization, or other combination of persons organized under the laws of or having its principal place of business in a foreign country of concern, or a subsidiary of such entity;

(d) Any person who is domiciled in a foreign country of concern and is not a citizen or lawful permanent citizen of the United States;

(e) An agent, including a subsidiary or an affiliate of a foreign legal entity, acting on behalf of a foreign source of concern; or

(f) An entity in which a person, entity, or collection of persons or entities described in paragraphs (a)-(e) has a controlling interest. As used in this paragraph, the term "controlling interest" means the possession of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of an entity, whether through ownership of securities, by contract, or otherwise. A person or an entity that directly or indirectly has the right to vote 25 percent or more of the voting interest of the company or is entitled to 25 percent or more of its profits is presumed to possess a controlling interest.

Section 42. Present paragraphs (d) through (g) of subsection (2) of section 496.405, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as 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



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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 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



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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 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 subparagraphs (2)(f)2.-7. ~~(2)(d)2.-7.~~ until such time as the 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) For a first violation of this subsection, this prohibited act 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



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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; and

3. Provides the department with a plan of action to prevent the acceptance of contributions from a foreign country or source of concern in future solicitation activities by the charitable organization.

(b) A second or subsequent violation of this subsection is considered voluntary, and the charitable organization or sponsor is subject to the penalties specified in s. 496.419(5) at the discretion of the department.

Section 44. Section 496.417, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

496.417 Criminal penalties.—Except as otherwise provided in ss. 496.401-496.424, and in addition to any administrative or civil penalties, any person who willfully and knowingly violates ss. 496.401-496.424 commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. For a second or subsequent conviction, such violation constitutes a felony of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. The department may also investigate and refer a charitable organization or sponsor to the Florida Elections Commission for investigation of violations pursuant to chapters 104 and 106.

Section 45. Subsection (11) is added to section 496.419, Florida Statutes, to read:



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496.419 Powers of the department.—

(11) A charitable organization or sponsor whose registration is denied or revoked for submitting a false attestation required pursuant to s. 496.405(2)(d) or (2)(e) is subject to the penalties specified in subsection (5) at the discretion of the department.

Section 46. Section 496.431, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

496.431 Honest Services Registry.—

(1) The department shall create the Honest Services Registry to provide the residents of this state with the information necessary to make an informed choice when deciding which charitable organizations to support.

(2) To be included on the Honest Services Registry, a charitable organization must, at a minimum, submit to the department an attestation statement on a form prescribed by the department, verified as provided in s. 92.525, attesting to all of the following:

(a) That the organization does not solicit or accept, directly or indirectly, contributions, funding, support, or services from a foreign source of concern.

(b) That the organization's messaging and content are not directly or indirectly produced or influenced by a foreign source of concern.

(3) The department shall publish the Honest Services Registry on the department's website.

(4) The department shall adopt rules to implement this section.

Section 47. Paragraph (j) of subsection (1) of section



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500.03, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

500.03 Definitions; construction; applicability.—

(1) For the purpose of this chapter, the term:

(j) “Cottage food product” means food that is not time or temperature controlled for safety or a potentially hazardous food as defined by department rule which is sold by a cottage food operation in accordance with s. 500.80.

Section 48. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1) of section 500.12, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

500.12 Food permits; building permits.—

(1)(a) A food permit from the department is required of any person or business that ~~who~~ operates a food establishment, except:

1. Persons or businesses operating minor food outlets that sell food that is commercially prepackaged, not potentially hazardous, not age restricted, and not time or temperature controlled for safety, if the shelf space for those items does not exceed 12 total linear feet and no other food is sold by the person or business minor food outlet.

2. Persons subject to continuous, onsite federal or state inspection.

3. Persons selling only legumes in the shell, either parched, roasted, or boiled.

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



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Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services."

(b) 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 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



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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, 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.—

(1) 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



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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 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 to read:

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



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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, or poultry.—

(1) As used in this section, the term:

(a) "Egg" and "egg product" have the same meanings as in 21 U.S.C. s. 1033 and the Egg Products Inspection Act.

(b) "FDA" means the United States Food and Drug Administration.

(c) "Meat" has the same meaning as in 9 C.F.R. s. 301.2 and the Federal Meat Inspection Act.

(d) "Milk" has the same meaning as in 21 C.F.R. s. 131.110 and the Grade "A" pasteurized milk ordinance.

(e) "Poultry" and "poultry product" have the same meanings as in 9 C.F.R. s. 381.1 and the Poultry Products Inspection Act.

(2)(a) In accordance with the established standard of identity for milk defined in 21 C.F.R. s. 131.110 and the Grade "A" pasteurized milk ordinance, the department shall adopt rules to enforce the FDA's standard of identity for milk, as adopted in state law, to prohibit the sale of plant-based products mislabeled as milk 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 milk that 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.



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(3) (a) In accordance with the established standard of identity for meat defined in 9 C.F.R. s. 301.2 and the Federal 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, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Carolina,



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Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.

(5) The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall notify the Division of Law Revision upon the enactment into law 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 of the mandatory labeling requirements pursuant to subsections (2) and (3).

(6) The department shall adopt rules to implement this section.

(7) This section may not be construed to limit the department's authority to enforce its laws and regulations.

Section 53. Section 501.135, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 54. Subsection (1) of section 501.912, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

501.912 Definitions.—As used in ss. 501.91-501.923:

(1) "Antifreeze" means any substance or preparation, including, but not limited to, coolant, antifreeze-coolant, antifreeze and summer coolant, or summer coolant, that is sold, distributed, or intended for use:

(a) As the cooling liquid, or to be added to the cooling liquid, in the cooling system of ~~internal combustion engines of~~ motor vehicles to prevent freezing of the cooling liquid or to lower its freezing point; or

(b) To raise the boiling point of water, aid in vehicle component cooling, or for the prevention of engine overheating, whether or not the liquid is used as a year-round cooling system fluid.

Section 55. Section 525.19, Florida Statutes, is created to



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read:

525.19 Petroleum registration.—

(1) The department shall create an annual petroleum registration program for petroleum owners or operators and shall adopt rules detailing the requirements for such registration that include, at minimum:

- (a) Name of the petroleum owner or operator;
- (b) Address of the petroleum owner or operator;
- (c) Phone number of the petroleum owner or operator;
- (d) E-mail address of the petroleum owner or operator;
- (e) Requirements for the transfer switch;
- (f) Fuel and petroleum infrastructure; and
- (g) Fuel and petroleum inventory and delivery information.

(2) The registration program must be free for all registrants.

(3) The department has the authority to require registrants to provide updates related to the status of infrastructure, inventory, and delivery information during a state of emergency as declared by an executive order issued by the Governor.

Section 56. Section 526.147, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

526.147 Florida Retail Fuel Transfer Switch Modernization Grant Program.—

(1) (a) There is created, subject to appropriation, the Florida Retail Fuel Transfer Switch Modernization Grant Program within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

(b) The grant program shall provide grant funds, not to exceed \$10,000 per retail fuel facility, to be used for installation and equipment costs related to installing or



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modernizing transfer switch infrastructure at retail fuel facilities to allow for the continuity of fueling operations under generated power.

(c) The department shall award funds based upon the following criteria:

1. Up to \$10,000, of costs for transfer switch purchase and installation for retail fuel locations in fiscally constrained counties as designated under s. 218.67(1).

2. Up to \$5,000, of costs for transfer switch purchase and installation for all other retail fuel locations.

(d) Retail fuel facilities which are awarded grant funds must comply with s. 526.143 and must install a transfer switch capable of operating all fuel pumps, dispensing equipment, life 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 4 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



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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 must ~~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
and the total retail price of the package, as defined by
department rule.

Section 58. Section 531.49, Florida Statutes, is amended to
read:

531.49 Advertising packages for sale.—~~Whenever~~ A packaged
commodity ~~is advertised in any manner with the retail price
stated, there shall be~~ closely and conspicuously associated with
the retail price must have a declaration of quantity as is
required by law or rule to appear on the package.

Section 59. Subsection (10) of section 564.06, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

564.06 Excise taxes on wines and beverages.—

(10) Fifty percent of all revenues collected from the
excise taxes imposed by this section on wine produced by
manufacturers in this state from products grown in the state
must be deposited into the Florida Wine ~~Viticulture~~ Trust Fund
established pursuant to s. 599.012.

Section 60. Present subsections (44), (45), and (46) of
section 570.07, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as



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subsections (47), (48), and (49), respectively, and new subsections (44), (45), and (46) are added to that section, to read:

570.07 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; functions, powers, and duties.—The department shall have and exercise the following functions, powers, and duties:

(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



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the activities of the division and shall, under the direction of the department, enforce the provisions of ss. 366.94 and ~~ss.~~ 604.15-604.34 and chapters 177, 472, 496, 501, 507, 525, 526, 527, 531, 534, 535, 539, 559, 616, 692, 817, and 849.

Section 62. Section 570.546, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

570.546 Licensing.—

(1) The department is authorized to:

(a) Create a process for the bulk renewal of licenses which will allow licensees the ability, upon request, to submit all license applications of the same type, notwithstanding any provisions of law applicable to each application process.

(b) Create a process that will allow licensees, upon request, to align the expiration dates of licenses within a statutory program.

(c) Change the expiration dates for current licensees for the purpose of reducing large numbers of license expirations that occur during the same month.

(2) The department shall prorate any licensing fee for which the term of the license was reduced for the purposes of alignment.

(3) The department shall adopt rules to implement this section.

Section 63. Section 570.694, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

570.694 Florida Aquaculture Foundation.—

(1) The Florida Aquaculture Foundation is established as a direct-support organization within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. The purpose of the foundation is to:



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(a) Conduct programs and activities related to the assistance, promotion, and furtherance of aquaculture and aquaculture producers in this state.

(b) Identify and pursue methods to provide statewide resources and materials for these programs.

(2) The foundation shall be governed by s. 570.691.

(3) The department is authorized to appoint an advisory committee adjunct to the foundation pursuant to s. 570.232.

Section 64. Section 570.822, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

570.822 Agriculture and Aquaculture Producers Emergency ~~Natural Disaster~~ Recovery Loan 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 or on sovereign submerged land that is leased to the applicant by the department pursuant to s. 597.010 and that produces agricultural products within the definition of agriculture under s. 570.02.

(b) “Declared emergency ~~natural disaster~~” means an emergency ~~a natural disaster~~ 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.

(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



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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, an applicant must:

(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.—



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(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. The application period may be renewed upon a determination from the department and pursuant to an active declared 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 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



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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 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



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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 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



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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 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.

(10) REPORTS.—By December 1, 2024, and each December 1 thereafter, the department shall provide a report on program activities during the previous fiscal year to the President of



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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.

(d) “Program” means the silviculture emergency recovery program.

(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



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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
United States Department of Agriculture, which would render the
approved applicant ineligible for other financial assistance.

(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.



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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.—

(2) Effective January 1, 2007, it is unlawful for any person to propagate for sale or movement any citrus nursery 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~~



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~~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 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,



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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 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



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recordkeeping of the Florida Wine ~~Viticulture~~ Advisory Council shall be pursuant to s. 570.232.

(3) The primary responsibilities of the Florida Wine ~~Viticulture~~ Advisory Council are to submit to the Commissioner 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 ~~Viticulture~~ 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 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.

(e) Evaluation of wine policy alternatives, including, but 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 wine and 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 Wine ~~Viticulture~~ Plan 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 Representatives, and a progress report and budget request must ~~shall~~ be submitted annually.

Section 72. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) and subsection (3) of section 599.004, Florida Statutes, are amended, and



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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 Viticulture 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 Florida Wine ~~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:

599.012 Florida Wine ~~Viticulture~~ Trust Fund; creation.—

(1) There is established the Florida Wine ~~Viticulture~~ 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



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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 Florida Wine 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, 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,



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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.—

(1) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the “Florida 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.

(b) “Agritourism activity” has the same meaning as provided in s. 570.86.

(c) “Commissioner” means the Commissioner of Agriculture.

(d) “Company” means a for-profit organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, sole proprietorship, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or limited liability company, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company, or affiliate of those entities or business associations authorized to do business in this state.

(e) “Denies or restricts” means refusing to provide services, terminating existing services, or restricting or burdening the scope or nature of services offered or provided.

(f) “Discriminate in the provision of financial services” means to deny or restrict services and thereby decline to provide financial services.



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(g) "ESG factor" means any factor or consideration that is collateral to or not reasonably likely to affect or impact financial risk and includes the promotion, furtherance, or achievement of environmental, social, or political goals, objectives, or outcomes, which may include the agriculture producer's greenhouse gas emissions, use of fossil-fuel derived fertilizer, or use of fossil-fuel powered machinery.

(h) "Farm" means the land, buildings, support facilities, machinery, and other appurtenances used in the production of farm or aquaculture products.

(i) "Financial institution" means a company authorized to do business in this state which has total assets of more than \$100 million and offers financial services. A financial institution includes any affiliate or subsidiary company, 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



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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 Regulation, is authorized to enforce subsection (3). Any violation of subsection (3) constitutes an unfair trade practice under part II of chapter 501 and the Attorney General is authorized to investigate and seek remedies as provided in general law. Actions for damages may be sought by an aggrieved 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.
3. A marriage and family therapist licensed under chapter 491.
4. A mental health counselor licensed under chapter 491.
5. An official representative of a religious institution which is recognized under s. 496.404 ~~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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offer the course on a sliding fee scale or for free.

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 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;



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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 fire using a firearm and ammunition as defined in s. 790.001;

(3)(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



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2244 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall revoke a
2245 license if the licensee has been found guilty of, had
2246 adjudication of guilt withheld for, or had imposition of
2247 sentence suspended for one or more crimes of violence within the
2248 preceding 3 years. The department shall, upon notification by a
2249 law enforcement agency, a court, clerk's office, or the Florida
2250 Department of Law Enforcement ~~and subsequent written~~
2251 ~~verification~~, temporarily suspend a license or the processing of
2252 an application for a license if the licensee or applicant is
2253 arrested or formally charged with a crime that would disqualify
2254 such person from having a license under this section, until
2255 final disposition of the case. The department shall suspend a
2256 license or the processing of an application for a license if the
2257 licensee or applicant is issued an injunction that restrains the
2258 licensee or applicant from committing acts of domestic violence
2259 or acts of repeat violence. The department shall notify the
2260 licensee or applicant suspended under this section of his or her
2261 right to a hearing pursuant to chapter 120. If the criminal case
2262 or injunction results in a nondisqualifying disposition and the
2263 applicant or licensee is otherwise eligible, the suspension
2264 shall end. The department must issue an order confirming the end
2265 of the suspension within 90 days after the applicant or
2266 licensee's submission to the department of a copy of the final
2267 resolution of the criminal case or injunction. The copy provided
2268 to the department must be sent through electronic or certified
2269 mail to a location that shall be specified on the notice of
2270 suspension received by the licensee or applicant. If the
2271 criminal case or injunction results in a disqualifying
2272 disposition, the suspension must remain in effect and the



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department must proceed with denial or revocation proceedings pursuant to chapter 120.

(b) This subsection may not be construed to limit, restrict, or inhibit the constitutional right to bear arms and carry a concealed weapon in this state. The Legislature finds it a matter of public policy and public safety that it is necessary to ensure that potentially disqualifying information about an applicant or licensee is investigated and processed in a timely manner by the department pursuant to this section. The Legislature intends to clarify that suspensions pursuant to this section are temporary, and the department has the duty to make an eligibility determination and issue a license in the time frame prescribed in this subsection.

(6)

(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



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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 the applicant is otherwise eligible. The department may take any action authorized in this section if it receives disqualifying criminal history information during the additional 45-day review period or after issuance of a license.

(10) A license issued under this section must ~~shall~~ be temporarily suspended as provided for in subparagraph (6)(c)3., or revoked pursuant to chapter 120 if the license was issued in 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



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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;

(g) Is adjudicated an incapacitated person under s. 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



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mail (21 days plus 5 days for mailing). The department shall document its attempts to provide notice, and such documentation is admissible in the courts of this state and constitutes sufficient proof that notice was given.

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.

(c) 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:

1. Obtains fuel as a result of violating paragraph (a) or



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paragraph (b); ~~or~~

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 route, or mail receptacle of a postal service, an office of a postal service, or mail carrier of a postal service, or a vehicle of a postal service or any other authorized receptacle.

(c) "Postal service" means the United States Postal Service or its contractors, or any commercial courier that delivers mail.



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(2) Any of the following acts constitutes mail theft:

(a) Knowingly removing mail from a mail depository or taking mail from a mail carrier of a postal service with an intent to either temporarily or permanently:

1. Deprive the intended recipient of such mail of their right to the mail.

2. Appropriate the mail to his or her own use or the use of any person not entitled to the use of such mail.

(b) Knowingly obtaining custody of mail by fraud or deception with an intent to either temporarily or permanently:

1. Deprive the intended recipient of such mail of their right to the mail.

2. Appropriate the mail to his or her own use or the use of any person not entitled to the use of the mail.

(c) Selling, receiving, possessing, transferring, buying, or concealing mail in violation of paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) of this subsection, while knowing or having reason to know the mail was obtained illegally.

(3) Any of the following constitutes theft of or unauthorized reproduction of a mail depository key or lock:

(a) Knowingly obtaining or using, or endeavoring to obtain or use, any key or lock used by a postal service for a mail depository with the intent to either temporarily or permanently:

1. Deprive the owner of such key or lock of their right to such key or lock.

2. Appropriate the key or lock to his or her own use or the use of any person not entitled to the use of such key or lock.

(b) Knowingly and unlawfully making, forging, or counterfeiting any such key or possessing any such key or lock



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adopted by a postal service with the intent to unlawfully or
improperly use, sell, or otherwise dispose of the key or lock,
or to cause the key or lock to be unlawfully or improperly used,
sold, or otherwise disposed.

(c) Selling, receiving, possessing, transferring, buying,
or concealing a key or lock obtained in violation of paragraph
(a) or paragraph (b) while knowing or having reason to know such
key or lock was obtained illegally.

(4)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), a violation of
this section is a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as
provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

(b) A second or subsequent violation of this section is a
felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082
or s. 775.084.

Section 80. Paragraph (i) of subsection (4) of section
934.50, Florida Statutes, is amended, and a new paragraph (q) is
added to that subsection, 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~~



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~~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 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:

1013.373 Educational facilities used for agricultural education.—

(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



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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 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 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



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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 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 84. 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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(3)

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

Section 85. 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 86. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 487.044, Florida Statutes, in a



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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.

Section 87. 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 88. 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)



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must submit annually to the department, on forms prescribed by the department:

(a) The name, street address, and telephone number of the 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 89. 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:

500.80 Cottage food operations.—



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(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 90. 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.

Section 91. 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



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

===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete 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.; providing that certain positions in the department are exempt from the Career Service System; amending s. 163.3162, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting governmental entities from adopting or enforcing any legislation that inhibits the construction of housing for legally verified agricultural workers on agricultural land operated as a bona fide farm; requiring that the construction or installation of



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2708 such housing units on agricultural lands satisfies
2709 certain criteria; requiring that local ordinances
2710 comply with certain regulations; authorizing
2711 governmental entities to adopt local land use
2712 regulations that are less restrictive; requiring
2713 property owners to maintain certain records for a
2714 specified timeframe; requiring that use of a housing
2715 site be discontinued and authorizing the removal of a
2716 such site under certain circumstances; specifying
2717 applicability of permit allocation systems in certain
2718 areas of critical state concern; authorizing the
2719 continued use of housing sites constructed before the
2720 effective date of the act if certain conditions are
2721 met; requiring the department to adopt certain rules;
2722 providing for enforcement; requiring the department to
2723 submit certain information to the State Board of
2724 Immigration Enforcement on a certain schedule;
2725 amending s. 201.25, F.S.; conforming a provision to
2726 changes made by the act; amending s. 253.0341, F.S.;
2727 authorizing the department to surplus certain lands
2728 determined to be suitable for bona fide agricultural
2729 production; requiring the department to consult with
2730 the Department of Environmental Protection before
2731 making such determination; requiring the Department of
2732 Agriculture and Consumer Services to retain a rural-
2733 lands-protection easement for all surplus lands and
2734 deposit all proceeds into a specified trust fund;
2735 requiring the department to provide a report of lands
2736 surplus to the board of trustees; providing that



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2737 certain lands are ineligible to be surplused;
2738 providing for retroactive applicability; amending s.
2739 330.41, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting a person
2740 from knowingly or willfully performing certain actions
2741 on lands classified as agricultural; providing
2742 criminal penalties; providing applicability;
2743 prohibiting a person from knowingly or willfully
2744 performing certain actions on private property, state
2745 wildlife management lands, or a sport shooting and
2746 training range; providing criminal penalties;
2747 providing applicability; creating s. 366.20, F.S.;
2748 requiring that certain lands acquired or owned by an
2749 electric utility by a certain date be offered for fee
2750 simple acquisition by the department before the land
2751 may be offered for sale or transfer to a private
2752 individual or entity; requiring an electric utility to
2753 issue a written intent to sell through certified mail
2754 to the Commissioner of Agriculture within a specified
2755 timeframe before offering to sell or transferring
2756 certain lands; authorizing the commissioner to issue a
2757 written intent to purchase via certified mail within a
2758 specified timeframe after receipt of such written
2759 intent to sell; requiring the electric utility to be
2760 released from certain provisions under certain
2761 circumstances; requiring that certain offers accepted
2762 and received by the department within a specified
2763 timeframe be executed no later than a certain date;
2764 requiring the department to adopt rules; amending s.
2765 366.94, F.S.; defining the term "electric vehicle



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2766 charging station"; authorizing the department to adopt
2767 rules; requiring local governmental entities to issue
2768 permits for electric vehicle charging stations based
2769 on specified standards and provisions of law;
2770 requiring that an electric vehicle charger be
2771 registered with the department before being placed
2772 into service for use by the public; providing the
2773 department with certain authority relating to electric
2774 vehicle charging stations; providing a penalty;
2775 authorizing the department to issue an immediate final
2776 order to an electric vehicle charging station under
2777 certain circumstances; providing that the department
2778 may bring an action to enjoin a violation of specified
2779 provisions or rules; requiring the court to issue a
2780 temporary or permanent injunction under certain
2781 circumstances; amending s. 388.011, F.S.; revising the
2782 definition of the terms "board of commissioners" and
2783 "district"; defining the term "program"; amending s.
2784 388.021, F.S.; making a technical change; amending s.
2785 388.181, F.S.; authorizing programs to perform
2786 specified actions; amending s. 388.201, F.S.;
2787 conforming provisions to changes made by the act;
2788 requiring that the tentative work plan budget covering
2789 the proposed operations and requirements for arthropod
2790 control measures show the estimated amount to be
2791 raised by county, municipality, or district taxes;
2792 requiring that county commissioners' or a similar
2793 governing body's mosquito control budget be made and
2794 adopted pursuant to specified provisions and requiring



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2795 that summary figures be incorporated into the county
2796 budgets as prescribed by the department; amending s.
2797 388.241, F.S.; providing that certain rights, powers,
2798 and duties be vested in the board of county
2799 commissioners or similar governing body of a county,
2800 city, or town; amending s. 388.261, F.S.; increasing
2801 the amount of state funds, supplies, services, or
2802 equipment for a certain number of years for any new
2803 program for the control of mosquitos and other
2804 arthropods which serves an area not previously served
2805 by a county, municipality, or district; conforming a
2806 provision to changes made by the act; amending s.
2807 388.271, F.S.; requiring each program participating in
2808 arthropod control activities to file a tentative
2809 integrated arthropod management plan with the
2810 department by a specified date; conforming provisions
2811 to changes made by the act; amending s. 388.281, F.S.;
2812 requiring that all funds, supplies, and services
2813 released to programs be used in accordance with the
2814 integrated arthropod management plan and certified
2815 budget; requiring that such integrated arthropod
2816 management plan and certified budget be approved by
2817 both the department and the board of county
2818 commissioners and an appropriate representative;
2819 conforming provisions to changes made by the act;
2820 amending s. 388.291, F.S.; providing that a program
2821 may perform certain source reduction measures in any
2822 area providing that the department has approved the
2823 operating or construction plan as outlined in the



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2824 integrated arthropod management plan; conforming
2825 provisions to changes made by the act; amending s.
2826 388.301, F.S.; revising the schedule by which state
2827 funds for the control of mosquitos and other
2828 arthropods may be paid; conforming provisions to
2829 changes made by the act; amending s. 388.311, F.S.;
2830 conforming provisions to changes made by the act;
2831 amending s. 388.321, F.S.; conforming provisions to
2832 changes made by the act; amending s. 388.322, F.S.;
2833 requiring the department to maintain a record and
2834 inventory of certain property purchased with state
2835 funds for arthropod control use; conforming provisions
2836 to changes made by the act; amending s. 388.323, F.S.;
2837 providing that certain equipment no longer needed by a
2838 program be first offered for sale to other programs
2839 engaged in arthropod control at a specified price;
2840 requiring that all proceeds from the sale of certain
2841 property owned by a program and purchased using state
2842 funds be deposited in the program's state fund
2843 account; conforming provisions to changes made by the
2844 act; amending s. 388.341, F.S.; requiring a program
2845 receiving state aid to submit a monthly report of all
2846 expenditures from all funds for arthropod control by a
2847 specified timeframe as may be required by the
2848 department; conforming provisions to changes made by
2849 the act; amending s. 388.351, F.S.; conforming
2850 provisions to changes made by the act; amending s.
2851 388.361, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made
2852 by the act; amending s. 388.3711, F.S.; revising the



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2853 department's enforcement powers; amending s. 388.381,
2854 F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the
2855 act; amending s. 388.391, F.S.; conforming provisions
2856 to changes made by the act; amending s. 388.401, F.S.;
2857 conforming provisions to changes made by the act;
2858 amending s. 388.46, F.S.; revising the composition of
2859 the Florida Coordinating Council on Mosquito Control;
2860 amending s. 403.067, F.S.; providing an exception for
2861 inspection requirements for certain agricultural
2862 producers; authorizing the department to adopt rules
2863 establishing an enrollment in best management
2864 practices by rule process; authorizing the department
2865 to identify best management practices for specified
2866 landowners; requiring the department to perform onsite
2867 inspections annually of a certain percentage of all
2868 enrollments that meet specified qualifications within
2869 a specified area; providing requirements for such
2870 inspections; requiring agricultural producers enrolled
2871 by rule in a best management practice to submit
2872 nutrient records annually to the department; requiring
2873 the department to collect and retain such records;
2874 amending s. 403.852, F.S.; defining the term "water
2875 quality additive"; amending s. 403.859, F.S.;
2876 prohibiting the use of certain additives in a water
2877 system which do not meet specified requirements;
2878 amending s. 482.111, F.S.; revising requirements for
2879 the renewal of a pest control operator's certificate;
2880 authorizing a third-party vendor to collect and retain
2881 a convenience fee; amending s. 482.141, F.S.;



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2882 requiring the department to provide in-person and
2883 remote testing for the examination through a third-
2884 party vendor for an individual seeking pest control
2885 operator certification; authorizing a third-party
2886 vendor to collect and retain a convenience fee;
2887 amending s. 482.155, F.S.; requiring the department to
2888 provide in-person and remote testing for the
2889 examination through a third-party vendor for an
2890 individual seeking limited certification for a
2891 governmental pesticide applicator or a private
2892 applicator; authorizing a third-party vendor to
2893 collect and retain a convenience fee; deleting
2894 provisions requiring the department to make such
2895 examination readily accessible and available to all
2896 applicants on a specified schedule; amending s.
2897 482.156, F.S.; requiring the department to provide in-
2898 person and remote testing for the examination through
2899 a third-party vendor for an individual seeking a
2900 limited certification for commercial landscape
2901 maintenance; authorizing a third-party vendor to
2902 collect and retain a convenience fee; deleting
2903 provisions requiring the department to make such
2904 examination readily accessible and available to all
2905 applicants on a specified schedule; amending s.
2906 482.157, F.S.; revising requirements for issuance of a
2907 limited certification for commercial wildlife
2908 management personnel; authorizing a third-party vendor
2909 to collect and retain a convenience fee; deleting
2910 provisions requiring the department to make an



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2911 examination readily accessible and available to all
2912 applicants on a specified schedule; amending s.
2913 482.161, F.S.; authorizing the department to take
2914 specified disciplinary action upon the issuance of a
2915 final order imposing civil penalties or a criminal
2916 conviction pursuant to the Federal Insecticide,
2917 Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act; amending s. 487.044,
2918 F.S.; requiring the department to provide in-person
2919 and remote testing through a third-party vendor for
2920 the examination of an individual seeking a limited
2921 certification for pesticide application; authorizing a
2922 third-party vendor to collect and retain a convenience
2923 fee; amending s. 487.175, F.S.; providing that the
2924 department may suspend, revoke, or deny licensure of a
2925 pesticide applicator upon issuance of a final order to
2926 a licensee which imposes civil penalties or a criminal
2927 conviction under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide,
2928 and Rodenticide Act; amending s. 496.404, F.S.;
2929 defining the terms "foreign country of concern" and
2930 "foreign source of concern"; amending s. 496.405,
2931 F.S.; revising which documents a charitable
2932 organization or sponsor must file before engaging in
2933 specified activities; requiring that any changes to
2934 such documents be reported to the department on a
2935 specified form in a specified timeframe; revising the
2936 requirements of the charitable organization's initial
2937 registration statement; authorizing the department to
2938 investigate or refer to the Florida Elections
2939 Commission certain violations of the charitable



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2940 organization or sponsor; amending s. 496.415, F.S.;

2941 prohibiting specified persons from soliciting or

2942 accepting anything of value from a foreign source of

2943 concern; providing penalties; amending s. 496.417,

2944 F.S.; authorizing the department to investigate or

2945 refer to the Florida Elections Commission certain

2946 violations of a charitable organization or sponsor;

2947 amending s. 496.419, F.S.; providing penalties for a

2948 charitable organization or sponsor whose registration

2949 is denied or revoked for submitting a false

2950 attestation; creating s. 496.431, F.S.; requiring the

2951 department to create the Honest Services Registry to

2952 provide residents with information relating to

2953 charitable organizations; requiring a charitable

2954 organization included in the Honest Services Registry

2955 to submit an attestation statement to the department;

2956 requiring the department to publish the Honest

2957 Services Registry on the department's website;

2958 requiring the department to adopt rules; amending s.

2959 500.03, F.S.; revising the definition of the term

2960 "cottage food product"; amending s. 500.12, F.S.;

2961 providing that the department requires a food permit

2962 from any person or business that operates a food

2963 establishment; revising exceptions; revising the

2964 schedule for renewing certain food permits;

2965 authorizing the department to establish a single

2966 permit renewal date for certain food establishments;

2967 amending s. 500.166, F.S.; requiring certain persons

2968 engaged in interstate commerce to retain all records



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2969 that show certain information for a specified
2970 timeframe; amending s. 500.172, F.S.; authorizing the
2971 department to facilitate the destruction of certain
2972 articles that violate specified provisions;
2973 prohibiting certain persons from certain actions
2974 without permission from, or in accord with a written
2975 agreement with, the department; creating s. 500.75,
2976 F.S.; providing that it is unlawful to transport or
2977 offer to transport, import into this state, sell or
2978 offer for sale, furnish, or give away certain spores
2979 or mycelium; providing a penalty; creating s. 500.93,
2980 F.S.; defining terms; requiring the department to
2981 adopt rules to enforce the Food and Drug
2982 Administration's standard of identity for milk, meat,
2983 poultry, and poultry products, and eggs and egg
2984 products to prohibit the sale of plant-based products
2985 mislabeled as milk, meat, poultry, or poultry
2986 products, or egg or egg products; providing contingent
2987 effective dates; requiring the department to adopt
2988 rules; providing construction; repealing s. 501.135,
2989 F.S., relating to consumer unit pricing; amending s.
2990 501.912, F.S.; revising the definition of the term
2991 "antifreeze"; creating s. 525.19, F.S.; requiring the
2992 department to create an annual petroleum registration
2993 program for petroleum owners or operators; requiring
2994 the department to adopt rules for such registration
2995 which include specified information; requiring that
2996 the registration program be free for all registrants;
2997 authorizing the department to require registrants to



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2998 provide certain information during a state of
2999 emergency; creating s. 526.147, F.S.; creating the
3000 Florida Retail Fuel Transfer Switch Modernization
3001 Grant Program within the department; requiring the
3002 grant program to provide funds up to a certain amount
3003 to be used for installation and equipment costs
3004 related to installing or modernizing transfer switch
3005 infrastructure at retail fuel facilities; requiring
3006 the department to award funds based on specified
3007 criteria; requiring retail fuel facilities awarded
3008 grant funds to comply with specified provisions;
3009 requiring such facilities to install a transfer switch
3010 with specified capabilities; requiring retail fuel
3011 facilities to provide specified documentation before
3012 being awarded funding; prohibiting certain facilities
3013 from being awarded funding; requiring the department,
3014 in consultation with the Division of Emergency
3015 Management, to adopt rules; requiring that such rules
3016 include specified information; amending s. 531.48,
3017 F.S.; requiring that certain packages bear specified
3018 information on the outside of the package; amending s.
3019 531.49, F.S.; revising requirements for the
3020 advertising of a packaged commodity; amending s.
3021 564.06, F.S.; requiring that a certain percentage of
3022 revenues collected from certain excise taxes be
3023 deposited into the Florida Wine Trust Fund; amending
3024 s. 570.07, F.S.; requiring the department to foster
3025 and encourage the employment and retention of
3026 qualified veterinary pathologists; providing that the



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3027 department may reimburse the educational expenses of
3028 certain veterinary pathologists who enter into a
3029 certain agreement with the department; requiring the
3030 department to adopt certain rules; requiring the
3031 department to extend certain opportunities to public
3032 school students enrolled in agricultural education to
3033 support Future Farmers of America programming;
3034 requiring the department to use contracts procured by
3035 agencies; defining the term "agency"; amending s.
3036 570.544, F.S.; revising which provisions the director
3037 of the Division of Consumer Services must enforce;
3038 creating s. 570.546, F.S.; authorizing the department
3039 to create a process for the bulk renewal of licenses;
3040 authorizing the department to create a process that
3041 will allow licensees to align the expiration dates of
3042 licenses within a specified program; authorizing the
3043 department to change the expiration date for current
3044 licenses for a certain purpose; requiring the
3045 department to prorate the licensing fee for certain
3046 licenses; requiring the department to adopt rules;
3047 creating s. 570.694, F.S.; creating the Florida
3048 Aquaculture Foundation as a direct support
3049 organization within the department; providing the
3050 purpose of the foundation; providing governance for
3051 the foundation; authorizing the department to appoint
3052 an advisory committee adjunct to the foundation;
3053 amending s. 570.822, F.S.; revising the definition of
3054 the terms "declared natural disaster" and "program";
3055 providing that loan funds from the department may be



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3056 used to restock aquaculture; authorizing the
3057 department to renew a loan application under certain
3058 circumstances; authorizing the department to defer or
3059 waive loan payments under certain circumstances;
3060 conforming provisions to changes made by the act;
3061 creating s. 570.823, F.S.; defining terms;
3062 establishing the silviculture emergency recovery
3063 program within the department to administer a grant
3064 program to assist certain timber landowners; requiring
3065 that such grants be used for certain purposes;
3066 requiring that only timber lands located on
3067 agricultural property are eligible for the program;
3068 requiring the department to coordinate with state
3069 agencies to provide financial assistance to timber
3070 landowners after a specified declared emergency;
3071 providing construction; authorizing the department to
3072 adopt rules to implement this section; providing
3073 construction; creating s. 570.831, F.S.; requiring the
3074 Cattle Enhancement Board, Inc., in coordination with
3075 the department, to establish a Florida beef marketing
3076 program, subject to appropriation; providing a purpose
3077 for such program; amending s. 581.1843, F.S.; deleting
3078 provisions that exclude certain citrus nurseries from
3079 certain requirements; deleting provisions relating to
3080 regulated areas around the perimeter of commercial
3081 citrus nurseries; repealing ss. 593.101, 593.102,
3082 593.103, 593.104, 593.105, 593.106, 593.107, 593.108,
3083 593.109, 593.11, 593.111, 593.112, 593.113, 593.114,
3084 593.1141, 593.1142, 593.115, 593.116, and 593.117,



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3085 F.S., relating to the Florida Boll Weevil Eradication
3086 Law; definitions; powers and duties of Department of
3087 Agriculture and Consumer Services; the entry of
3088 premises to carry out boll weevil eradication
3089 activities and inspections; reports by persons growing
3090 cotton; quarantine areas and the regulation of
3091 articles within a boll weevil eradication zone; the
3092 regulation of collection, transportation,
3093 distribution, and movement of cotton; cooperative
3094 programs for persons engaged in growing, processing,
3095 marketing, or handling cotton; the department's
3096 authority to designate eradication zones, prohibit
3097 planting of cotton, and require participation in
3098 eradication program; regulation of the pasturage of
3099 livestock, entry by persons, and location of honeybee
3100 colonies in eradication zones and other areas;
3101 eligibility for certification of cotton growers'
3102 organization; the certification of cotton growers'
3103 organization; a referendum; an assessment; the
3104 department's authority to enter agreements with the
3105 Farm Service Agency; liens; mandamus or injunction;
3106 penalty for violation; and the handling of moneys
3107 received, respectively; amending s. 595.404, F.S.;
3108 revising the department's powers and duties regarding
3109 school nutrition programs; amending s. 599.002, F.S.;
3110 renaming the Viticulture Advisory Council as the
3111 Florida Wine Advisory Council; revising the membership
3112 of the Florida Wine Advisory Council; conforming
3113 provisions to changes made by the act; amending s.



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3114 599.003, F.S.; renaming the State Viticulture Plan as
3115 the State Wine Plan; conforming provisions to changes
3116 made by the act; amending s. 599.004, F.S.; making
3117 technical changes; providing that wineries that fail
3118 to recertify annually or pay a specified licensing fee
3119 are subject to certain actions and costs; conforming
3120 provisions to changes made by the act; amending s.
3121 599.012, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made
3122 by the act; amending s. 616.12, F.S.; deleting
3123 provisions requiring a person who operates a minstrel
3124 show in connection with any certain public fairs to
3125 pay specified license taxes; deleting a provision that
3126 exempts such person from paying specified taxes;
3127 creating s. 687.16, F.S.; providing a short title;
3128 defining terms; prohibiting a financial institution
3129 from discriminating in the provision of financial
3130 services to an agricultural producer based on an ESG
3131 factor; providing an inference with regard to a
3132 certain violation; providing that the financial
3133 institution may overcome the inference by making
3134 certain demonstrations regarding its denial or
3135 restriction of financial services to an agricultural
3136 producer; authorizing the Attorney General to enforce
3137 specified provisions; providing that a violation of
3138 specified provisions constitutes an unfair and
3139 deceptive trade practice; authorizing the Attorney
3140 General to investigate and seek remedies for such
3141 unfair trade practices; authorizing an aggrieved party
3142 to seek an action for damages; amending s. 741.0305,



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3143 F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending s.
3144 790.06, F.S.; revising the circumstances under which
3145 the department may temporarily suspend a person's
3146 license to carry a concealed weapon or concealed
3147 firearm or the processing of an application for such
3148 license; requiring the department to notify certain
3149 licensees or applicants of their right to a hearing;
3150 requiring the department to issue an order confirming
3151 the end of a suspension within a specified timeframe
3152 after an applicant or licensee submits a copy of a
3153 specified document to the department; requiring that
3154 such document be sent through electronic or certified
3155 mail to a specified location; requiring that the
3156 suspension remain in effect upon a certain disposition
3157 of a criminal case or injunction; providing
3158 construction; providing legislative findings; revising
3159 the duties of the department after the date of receipt
3160 of a completed application for a license to carry a
3161 concealed weapon or concealed firearm; requiring that
3162 a license issued under this section be temporarily
3163 suspended or revoked if the license was issued in
3164 error or if the licensee commits certain actions;
3165 amending s. 812.0151, F.S.; revising the elements of
3166 third degree and second degree felony retail fuel
3167 theft; creating s. 812.136, F.S.; defining terms;
3168 providing elements for the crime of mail theft;
3169 providing elements of theft of or unauthorized
3170 reproduction of a mail depository key or lock;
3171 providing criminal penalties; amending s. 934.50,



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3172 F.S.; deleting certain exceptions from the prohibited
3173 uses of drones; providing that a drone may be used for
3174 certain purposes by a local governmental entity or
3175 person under contract with or acting under the
3176 direction of such entity; creating s. 1013.373, F.S.;
3177 prohibiting a local government from adopting any
3178 measure to limit the activities of public educational
3179 facilities or auxiliary facilities constructed by
3180 certain organizations; requiring that lands used for
3181 agricultural education or for the Future Farmers of
3182 America or 4-H activities be considered agricultural
3183 lands; reenacting s. 295.07(5)(a), F.S., relating to
3184 preference in appointment and retention, to
3185 incorporate the amendment made to s. 110.205, F.S., in
3186 a reference thereto; reenacting s. 189.062(1)(a),
3187 F.S., relating to special procedures for inactive
3188 districts and state aid to counties, to incorporate
3189 the amendment made to s. 388.271, F.S., in references
3190 thereto; reenacting ss. 482.072(3)(b) and 482.163,
3191 F.S., relating to pest control customer contact
3192 centers and responsibility for pest control activities
3193 of employee, respectively, to incorporate the
3194 amendment made to s. 482.161, F.S., in references
3195 thereto; reenacting s. 487.156, F.S., relating to
3196 governmental agencies, to incorporate the amendment
3197 made to s. 487.044, F.S., in a reference thereto;
3198 reenacting ss. 496.4055(2) and 496.406(2) and (4),
3199 F.S., relating to charitable organization or sponsor
3200 board duties and exemption from registration,



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3201 respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s.
3202 496.405, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s.
3203 500.80(1)(a), F.S., relating to cottage food
3204 operations, to incorporate the amendment made to s.
3205 500.12, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting s.
3206 500.121(6), F.S., relating to disciplinary procedures,
3207 to incorporate the amendment made to s. 500.172, F.S.,
3208 in a reference thereto; reenacting s. 790.061, F.S.,
3209 relating to judges and justices, to incorporate the
3210 amendment made to s. 790.06, F.S., in a reference
3211 thereto; providing effective dates.