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Bill No. HB 433 (2026)

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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Commerce Committee  
2 Representative Alvarez, D. offered the following:

4 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

5 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

6 **Section 1. Section 125.489, Florida Statutes, is created**

7 **to read:**

8 125.489 Preemption of restrictions on gasoline-powered  
9 farm equipment or gasoline-powered landscape equipment.—

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

11 (a) "Gasoline-powered farm equipment" means any machine  
12 powered by an internal combustion engine or motor that uses  
13 gasoline, diesel, or a blend of gasoline and oil which is used  
14 on a farm or used to transport farm products.

15 (b) "Gasoline-powered landscape equipment" means any  
16 machine powered by an internal combustion engine or motor that

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17    uses gasoline, diesel, or a blend of gasoline and oil which is  
18    used to provide landscape management or maintenance or to move  
19    leaves, dirt, grass, or other debris off of sidewalks,  
20    driveways, lawns, or other surfaces.

21    (2) A county may not enact or enforce a resolution, an  
22    ordinance, a rule, a code, or a policy or take any action that  
23    restricts or prohibits the use of gasoline-powered farm  
24    equipment or gasoline-powered landscape equipment and may not  
25    create differing standards for such equipment or distinguish  
26    such equipment from any electric or similar equipment in a  
27    retail, manufacturer, or distributor setting.

28    (3) This section does not prohibit or limit a county from  
29    encouraging the use of alternative farm or landscape equipment,  
30    such as battery-powered farm or landscape equipment.

31    **Section 2. Present subsections (18) through (30) and (31)**  
32    **through (54) of section 163.3164, Florida Statutes, are**  
33    **redesignated as subsections (19) through (31) and (33) through**  
34    **(56), respectively, and new subsections (18) and 32 are added to**  
35    **that section, to read:**

36    163.3164 Community Planning Act; definitions.—As used in  
37    this act:

38    (18) "Ecologically significant parcel" means a parcel of  
39    land located within the boundaries of a low-density municipality  
40    which is currently undeveloped and has been designated as either  
41    rural, conservation, agricultural, or greenspace as provided by

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42 a local government comprehensive plan developed pursuant to the  
43 provisions of s. 163.3177.

44 (32) "Low-density municipality" means a municipality  
45 existing on or before January 1, 2025, which is less than 2,500  
46 acres in total size and contains a population of 5,000 or fewer  
47 legal residents.

48 **Section 3. Present subsection (7) of section 163.3202,**  
49 **Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (8), and a new**  
50 **subsection (7) is added to that section, to read:**

51 163.3202 Land development regulations.—

52 (8) (a) Notwithstanding any ordinance to the contrary, an  
53 application for a development on an ecologically significant  
54 parcel in a low-density municipality may not be administratively  
55 approved without an attestation provided by the developer, under  
56 penalty of perjury, to the low-density municipality which states  
57 that the development will not exceed a maximum density of 1  
58 residential unit per 20 acres.

59 (b) This subsection does not apply to applications for the  
60 construction of residential units on an ecologically significant  
61 parcel for the express purpose of providing housing for family  
62 members of the applicant. However, the applicant must provide an  
63 attestation, under penalty of perjury, to the low-density  
64 municipality which states that the residential units being  
65 constructed will be used for such express purpose before the  
66 administrative approval of an application for development.

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67       (c) The density requirements provided in this subsection may be  
68       waived upon a resolution approved by a unanimous vote of the  
69       commission or council of the low-density municipality.

70       **Section 4. Section 166.063, Florida Statutes, is created**  
71       **to read:**

72       166.063 Preemption of restrictions on gasoline-powered  
73       farm equipment or gasoline-powered landscape equipment.—

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

75       (a) "Gasoline-powered farm equipment" means a machine  
76       powered by an internal combustion engine or motor that uses  
77       gasoline, diesel, or a blend of gasoline and oil which is used  
78       on a farm or used to transport farm products.

79       (b) "Gasoline-powered landscape equipment" means any  
80       machine powered by an internal combustion engine or motor that  
81       uses gasoline, diesel, or a blend of gasoline and oil which is  
82       used to provide landscape management or maintenance or to move  
83       leaves, dirt, grass, or other debris off of sidewalks,  
84       driveways, lawns, or other surfaces.

85       (2) A municipality may not enact or enforce a resolution,  
86       an ordinance, a rule, a code, or a policy or take any action  
87       that restricts or prohibits the use of gasoline-powered farm  
88       equipment or gasoline-powered landscape equipment and may not  
89       create differing standards for such equipment or distinguish  
90       such equipment from any electric or similar equipment in a  
91       retail, manufacturer, or distributor setting.

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92        (3) This section does not prohibit or limit a municipality  
93        from encouraging the use of alternative farm or landscape  
94        equipment, such as battery-powered farm or landscape equipment.

95        **Section 5. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section**  
96        **212.055, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

97        212.055 Discretionary sales surtaxes; legislative intent;  
98        authorization and use of proceeds.—It is the legislative intent  
99        that any authorization for imposition of a discretionary sales  
100        surtax shall be published in the Florida Statutes as a  
101        subsection of this section, irrespective of the duration of the  
102        levy. Each enactment shall specify the types of counties  
103        authorized to levy; the rate or rates which may be imposed; the  
104        maximum length of time the surtax may be imposed, if any; the  
105        procedure which must be followed to secure voter approval, if  
106        required; the purpose for which the proceeds may be expended;  
107        and such other requirements as the Legislature may provide.  
108        Taxable transactions and administrative procedures shall be as  
109        provided in s. 212.054.

110        (2) LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE SURTAX.—

111        (d) The proceeds of the surtax authorized by this  
112        subsection and any accrued interest shall be expended by the  
113        school district, within the county and municipalities within the  
114        county, or, in the case of a negotiated joint county agreement,  
115        within another county, to finance, plan, and construct  
116        infrastructure; to acquire any interest in land for public

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117 recreation, conservation, or protection of natural resources or  
118 to prevent or satisfy private property rights claims resulting  
119 from limitations imposed by the designation of an area of  
120 critical state concern; to provide loans, grants, or rebates to  
121 residential or commercial property owners who make energy  
122 efficiency improvements to their residential or commercial  
123 property, if a local government ordinance authorizing such use  
124 is approved by referendum; or to finance the closure of county-  
125 owned or municipally owned solid waste landfills that have been  
126 closed or are required to be closed by order of the Department  
127 of Environmental Protection. Any use of the proceeds or interest  
128 for purposes of landfill closure before July 1, 1993, is  
129 ratified. The proceeds and any interest may not be used for the  
130 operational expenses of infrastructure, except that a county  
131 that has a population of fewer than 75,000 and that is required  
132 to close a landfill may use the proceeds or interest for long-  
133 term maintenance costs associated with landfill closure.  
134 Counties, as defined in s. 125.011, and charter counties may, in  
135 addition, use the proceeds or interest to retire or service  
136 indebtedness incurred for bonds issued before July 1, 1987, for  
137 infrastructure purposes, and for bonds subsequently issued to  
138 refund such bonds. Any use of the proceeds or interest for  
139 purposes of retiring or servicing indebtedness incurred for  
140 refunding bonds before July 1, 1999, is ratified.

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141        1. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term  
142        "infrastructure" means:

143            a. Any fixed capital expenditure or fixed capital outlay  
144        associated with the construction, reconstruction, or improvement  
145        of public facilities that have a life expectancy of 5 or more  
146        years, any related land acquisition, land improvement, design,  
147        and engineering costs, and all other professional and related  
148        costs required to bring the public facilities into service. For  
149        purposes of this sub-subparagraph, the term "public facilities"  
150        has the same meaning ~~means~~ facilities as defined in s.

151        163.3164(43) ~~s. 163.3164(41)~~, s. 163.3221(13), or s. 189.012(5),  
152        and includes facilities that are necessary to carry out  
153        governmental purposes, including, but not limited to, fire  
154        stations, general governmental office buildings, and animal  
155        shelters, regardless of whether the facilities are owned by the  
156        local taxing authority or another governmental entity.

157            b. A fire department vehicle, an emergency medical service  
158        vehicle, a sheriff's office vehicle, a police department  
159        vehicle, or any other vehicle, and the equipment necessary to  
160        outfit the vehicle for its official use or equipment that has a  
161        life expectancy of at least 5 years.

162            c. Any expenditure for the construction, lease, or  
163        maintenance of, or provision of utilities or security for,  
164        facilities, as defined in s. 29.008.

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165       d. Any fixed capital expenditure or fixed capital outlay  
166      associated with the improvement of private facilities that have  
167      a life expectancy of 5 or more years and that the owner agrees  
168      to make available for use on a temporary basis as needed by a  
169      local government as a public emergency shelter or a staging area  
170      for emergency response equipment during an emergency officially  
171      declared by the state or by the local government under s.  
172      252.38. Such improvements are limited to those necessary to  
173      comply with current standards for public emergency evacuation  
174      shelters. The owner must enter into a written contract with the  
175      local government providing the improvement funding to make the  
176      private facility available to the public for purposes of  
177      emergency shelter at no cost to the local government for a  
178      minimum of 10 years after completion of the improvement, with  
179      the provision that the obligation will transfer to any  
180      subsequent owner until the end of the minimum period.

181       e. Any land acquisition expenditure for a residential  
182      housing project in which at least 30 percent of the units are  
183      affordable to individuals or families whose total annual  
184      household income does not exceed 120 percent of the area median  
185      income adjusted for household size, if the land is owned by a  
186      local government or by a special district that enters into a  
187      written agreement with the local government to provide such  
188      housing. The local government or special district may enter into  
189      a ground lease with a public or private person or entity for

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190 nominal or other consideration for the construction of the  
191 residential housing project on land acquired pursuant to this  
192 sub-subparagraph.

193 f. Instructional technology used solely in a school  
194 district's classrooms. As used in this sub-subparagraph, the  
195 term "instructional technology" means an interactive device that  
196 assists a teacher in instructing a class or a group of students  
197 and includes the necessary hardware and software to operate the  
198 interactive device. The term also includes support systems in  
199 which an interactive device may mount and is not required to be  
200 affixed to the facilities.

201 2. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "energy  
202 efficiency improvement" means any energy conservation and  
203 efficiency improvement that reduces consumption through  
204 conservation or a more efficient use of electricity, natural  
205 gas, propane, or other forms of energy on the property,  
206 including, but not limited to, air sealing; installation of  
207 insulation; installation of energy-efficient heating, cooling,  
208 or ventilation systems; installation of solar panels; building  
209 modifications to increase the use of daylight or shade;  
210 replacement of windows; installation of energy controls or  
211 energy recovery systems; installation of electric vehicle  
212 charging equipment; installation of systems for natural gas fuel  
213 as defined in s. 206.9951; and installation of efficient  
214 lighting equipment.

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215       3. Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection,  
216 a local government infrastructure surtax imposed or extended  
217 after July 1, 1998, may allocate up to 15 percent of the surtax  
218 proceeds for deposit into a trust fund within the county's  
219 accounts created for the purpose of funding economic development  
220 projects having a general public purpose of improving local  
221 economies, including the funding of operational costs and  
222 incentives related to economic development. The ballot statement  
223 must indicate the intention to make an allocation under the  
224 authority of this subparagraph.

225       4. Surtax revenues that are shared with eligible charter  
226 schools pursuant to paragraph (c) shall be allocated among such  
227 schools based on each school's proportionate share of total  
228 school district capital outlay full-time equivalent enrollment  
229 as adopted by the education estimating conference established in  
230 s. 216.136. Surtax revenues must be expended by the charter  
231 school in a manner consistent with the allowable uses provided  
232 in s. 1013.62(4). All revenues and expenditures shall be  
233 accounted for in a charter school's monthly or quarterly  
234 financial statement pursuant to s. 1002.33(9). If a school's  
235 charter is not renewed or is terminated and the school is  
236 dissolved under the provisions of law under which the school was  
237 organized, any unencumbered funds received under this paragraph  
238 shall revert to the sponsor.

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239       **Section 6. Present subsection (19) of section 253.0341,**  
240       **Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (21), and new**  
241       **subsections (19) and (20) are added to that section, to read:**

242       253.0341 Surplus of state-owned lands.—

243       (19) The Acquisition and Restoration Council shall  
244       determine whether any lands surplused by a local governmental  
245       entity, as defined in s. 218.72, on or after January 1, 2024,  
246       are suitable for bona fide agricultural purposes, as defined in  
247       s. 193.461(3)(b). A local governmental entity may not transfer  
248       future development rights for any surplused lands determined to  
249       be suitable for bona fide agricultural purposes on or after  
250       January 1, 2024.

251       (20) The Department of Environmental Protection, in  
252       coordination with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer  
253       Services, shall determine whether any state-owned conservation  
254       lands acquired on or after January 1, 2024, are suitable for  
255       bona fide agricultural purposes, as defined in s. 193.461(3)(b).

256       (a) Notwithstanding any other law or rule, the Department  
257       of Environmental Protection may surplus state-owned conservation  
258       lands acquired on or after January 1, 2024, determined to be  
259       suitable for bona fide agricultural purposes.

260       (b) For all state-owned conservation lands determined to  
261       be suitable for bona fide agricultural production and surplused  
262       by the Department of Environmental Protection, the department  
263       shall retain a rural-lands-protection easement pursuant to s.

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264 570.71(3). All proceeds from the sale of such surplused lands  
265 must be deposited into the Incidental Trust Fund within the  
266 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for less than  
267 fee simple land acquisition pursuant to ss. 570.71 and 570.715.

268 (c) By January 1, 2027, and each January 1 thereafter, the  
269 Department of Environmental Protection shall provide a report of  
270 state-owned conversation lands surplused pursuant to this  
271 subsection to the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement  
272 Trust Fund.

273 (d) Designated state forest lands, state park lands, or  
274 wildlife management areas may not be surplused pursuant to this  
275 subsection.

276 **Section 7. Section 259.1053, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
277 **to read:**

278 259.1053 Babcock Ranch Preserve; Babcock Ranch Advisory  
279 Group.—

280 (1) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the "Babcock  
281 Ranch Preserve Act."

282 (2) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

283 (a) "Babcock Ranch Preserve" and "preserve" mean the lands  
284 and facilities acquired in the purchase of the Babcock Crescent  
285 B Ranch, as provided in s. 259.1052.

286 (b) "Commission" means the Fish and Wildlife Conservation  
287 Commission.

288 (c) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Agriculture.

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289 (d) "Department" means the Department of Agriculture and  
290 Consumer Services.

291 (e) "Executive director" means the Executive Director of  
292 the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

293 (f) "Financially self-sustaining" means having management  
294 and operation expenditures not more than the revenues collected  
295 from fees and other receipts for resource use and development  
296 and from interest and invested funds.

297 (g) "Florida Forest Service" means the Florida Forest  
298 Service of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

299 (h) "Multiple use" means the management of all of the  
300 renewable surface resources of the Babcock Ranch Preserve to  
301 best meet the needs of the public, including the use of the land  
302 for some or all of the renewable surface resources or related  
303 services over areas large enough to allow for periodic  
304 adjustments in use to conform to the changing needs and  
305 conditions of the preserve while recognizing that a portion of  
306 the land will be used for some of the renewable surface  
307 resources available on that land. The goal of multiple use is  
308 the harmonious and coordinated management of the renewable  
309 surface resources without impairing the productivity of the land  
310 and considering the relative value of the renewable surface  
311 resources, and not necessarily a combination of uses to provide  
312 the greatest monetary return or the greatest unit output.

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313        (i) "Sustained yield of the renewable surface resources"  
314 means the achievement and maintenance of a high level of annual  
315 or regular periodic output of the various renewable surface  
316 resources of the preserve without impairing the productivity of  
317 the land.

318        (3) CREATION OF BABCOCK RANCH PRESERVE.—

319        (a) Upon the date of acquisition of the Babcock Crescent B  
320 Ranch, there is created the Babcock Ranch Preserve, which shall  
321 be managed in accordance with the purposes and requirements of  
322 this section.

323        (b) The preserve is established to protect and preserve  
324 the environmental, agricultural, scientific, scenic, geologic,  
325 watershed, fish, wildlife, historic, cultural, and recreational  
326 values of the preserve, and to provide for the multiple use and  
327 sustained yield of the renewable surface resources within the  
328 preserve consistent with this section.

329        (c) This section does not preclude the use of common  
330 varieties of mineral materials such as sand, stone, and gravel  
331 for construction and maintenance of roads and facilities within  
332 the preserve.

333        (d) This section does not affect the constitutional  
334 responsibilities of the commission in the exercise of its  
335 regulatory and executive power with respect to wild animal life  
336 and freshwater aquatic life, including the regulation of  
337 hunting, fishing, and trapping within the preserve.

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338       (e) This section does not interfere with or prevent the  
339 implementation of agricultural practices authorized by the  
340 agricultural land use designations established in the local  
341 comprehensive plans of either Charlotte County or Lee County as  
342 those plans apply to the Babcock Ranch Preserve.

343       (f) This section does not preclude the maintenance and use  
344 of roads and trails or the relocation of roads in existence on  
345 the effective date of this section, or the construction,  
346 maintenance, and use of new trails, or any motorized access  
347 necessary for the administration of the land contained within  
348 the preserve, including motorized access necessary for  
349 emergencies involving the health or safety of persons within the  
350 preserve.

351       (4) ~~BABCOCK RANCH ADVISORY GROUP.~~

352       (a) ~~The purpose of the Babcock Ranch Advisory Group is to~~  
353 ~~assist the department by providing guidance and advice~~  
354 ~~concerning the management and stewardship of the Babcock Ranch~~  
355 ~~Preserve.~~

356       (b) ~~The Babcock Ranch Advisory Group shall be comprised of~~  
357 ~~nine members appointed to 5 year terms. Based on recommendations~~  
358 ~~from the Governor and Cabinet, the commission, and the governing~~  
359 ~~boards of Charlotte County and Lee County, the commissioner~~  
360 ~~shall appoint members as follows:~~

361       1. ~~One member with experience in sustainable management of~~  
362 ~~forest lands for commodity purposes.~~

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363        2. One member with experience in financial management,  
364 budget and program analysis, and small business operations.

365        3. One member with experience in management of game and  
366 nongame wildlife and fish populations, including hunting,  
367 fishing, and other recreational activities.

368        4. One member with experience in domesticated livestock  
369 management, production, and marketing, including range  
370 management and livestock business management.

371        5. One member with experience in agriculture operations or  
372 forestry management.

373        6. One member with experience in hunting, fishing, nongame  
374 species management, or wildlife habitat management, restoration,  
375 and conservation.

376        7. One member with experience in public outreach and  
377 education.

378        8. One member who is a resident of Lee County, to be  
379 designated by the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County.

380        9. One member who is a resident of Charlotte County, to be  
381 designated by the Board of County Commissioners of Charlotte  
382 County.

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384 Vacancies will be filled in the same manner in which the  
385 original appointment was made. A member appointed to fill a  
386 vacancy shall serve for the remainder of that term.

387        (e) Members of the Babcock Ranch Advisory Group shall:

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388       1. ~~Elect a chair and vice chair from among the group~~  
389 ~~members.~~  
390       2. ~~Meet regularly as determined by the chair.~~  
391       3. ~~Serve without compensation but shall receive~~  
392 ~~reimbursement for travel and per diem expenses as provided in s.~~  
393 ~~112.061.~~

394       (4)(5) MANAGEMENT OF PRESERVE; FEES.—

395       (a) The department shall assume all authority provided by  
396 this section to manage and operate the preserve as a working  
397 ranch upon the termination or expiration of the management  
398 agreement attached as Exhibit "E" to that certain agreement for  
399 sale and purchase approved by the Board of Trustees of the  
400 Internal Improvement Trust Fund on November 22, 2005, and by Lee  
401 County on November 20, 2005.

402       (b) Upon assuming management and operation of the  
403 preserve, the department shall:

404       1. Manage and operate the preserve and the uses thereof,  
405 including, but not limited to, the activities necessary to  
406 administer and operate the preserve as a working ranch; the  
407 activities necessary for the preservation and development of the  
408 land and renewable surface resources of the preserve; the  
409 activities necessary for interpretation of the history of the  
410 preserve on behalf of the public; the activities necessary for  
411 the management, public use, and occupancy of facilities and

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412 lands within the preserve; and the maintenance, rehabilitation,  
413 repair, and improvement of property within the preserve.

414 2. Develop programs and activities relating to the  
415 management of the preserve as a working ranch.

416 3. Establish procedures for entering into lease agreements  
417 and other agreements for the use and occupancy of the facilities  
418 of the preserve. The procedures shall ensure reasonable  
419 competition and set guidelines for determining reasonable fees,  
420 terms, and conditions for such agreements.

421 4. Assess reasonable fees for admission to, use of, and  
422 occupancy of the preserve to offset costs of operating the  
423 preserve as a working ranch. These fees are independent of fees  
424 assessed by the commission for the privilege of hunting,  
425 fishing, or pursuing outdoor recreational activities within the  
426 preserve, and shall be deposited into the Incidental Trust Fund  
427 of the Florida Forest Service, subject to appropriation by the  
428 Legislature.

429 (c) The commission, in cooperation with the department,  
430 shall:

431 1. Establish and implement public hunting and other fish  
432 and wildlife management activities. Tier I and Tier II public  
433 hunting opportunities shall be provided consistent with the  
434 management plan and the recreation master plan. Tier I public  
435 hunting shall provide hunting opportunities similar to those  
436 offered on wildlife management areas with an emphasis on youth

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437 and family-oriented hunts. Tier II public hunting shall be  
438 provided specifically by fee-based permitting to ensure  
439 compatibility with livestock grazing and other essential  
440 agricultural operations on the preserve.

441 2. Establish and administer permit fees for Tier II public  
442 hunting to capitalize on the value of hunting on portions of the  
443 preserve and to help ensure the preserve is financially self-  
444 sufficient. The fees shall be deposited into the State Game  
445 Trust Fund of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to  
446 be used to offset the costs of providing public hunting and to  
447 support fish and wildlife management and other land management  
448 activities on the preserve.

449 (d) The Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement  
450 Trust Fund or its designated agent may:

451 1. Negotiate directly with and enter into such agreements,  
452 leases, contracts, and other arrangements with any person, firm,  
453 association, organization, corporation, or governmental entity,  
454 including entities of federal, state, and local governments, as  
455 are necessary and appropriate to carry out the purposes and  
456 activities authorized by this section.

457 2. Grant privileges, leases, concessions, and permits for  
458 the use of land for the accommodation of visitors to the  
459 preserve, provided no natural curiosities or objects of interest  
460 shall be granted, leased, or rented on such terms as shall deny  
461 or interfere with free access to them by the public. Such

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462 grants, leases, and permits may be made and given without  
463 advertisement or securing competitive bids. Such grants, leases,  
464 or permits may not be assigned or transferred by any grantee  
465 without consent of the Board of Trustees of the Internal  
466 Improvement Trust Fund or its designated agent.

467 (5)+(6) DISSOLUTION OF BABCOCK RANCH, INC.—Upon dissolution  
468 of the Babcock Ranch, Inc., all statutory powers, duties,  
469 functions, records, personnel, property, and unexpended balances  
470 of appropriations, allocations, and other funds of the  
471 corporation shall be transferred to the Department of  
472 Agriculture and Consumer Services unless otherwise provided by  
473 law. Any cash balances of funds shall revert to the Incidental  
474 Trust Fund of the Florida Forest Service.

475 **Section 8. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section  
476 287.1351, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (3) of  
477 that section is republished, to read:**

478 287.1351 Suspended vendors; state contracts.—

479 (2) (a) A vendor that is in default on any contract with an  
480 agency, has failed to timely compensate its subcontractors or  
481 suppliers, or has otherwise repeatedly demonstrated a recent  
482 inability to fulfill the terms and conditions of previous state  
483 contracts or to adequately perform its duties under those  
484 contracts may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply to an agency  
485 or enter into or renew a contract to provide any goods or

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486 services to an agency after its placement, pursuant to this  
487 section, on the suspended vendor list.

488 (3) An agency shall notify the department of any vendor  
489 that has met the grounds for suspension described in paragraph  
490 (2) (a). The agency must provide documentation to the department  
491 evidencing the vendor's default or other grounds for suspension.  
492 The department shall review the documentation provided and  
493 determine whether good cause exists to remove the vendor from  
494 the vendor list and to place it on the suspended vendor list. If  
495 good cause exists, the department must notify the vendor in  
496 writing of its intent to remove the vendor from the vendor list  
497 and of the vendor's right to an administrative hearing and the  
498 applicable procedures and time requirements for any such  
499 hearing. If the vendor does not request an administrative  
500 hearing, the department must enter a final order removing the  
501 vendor from the vendor list. A vendor may not be removed from  
502 the vendor list without receiving an individual notice of intent  
503 from the department.

504 **Section 9. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (4) of**  
505 **section 322.12, Florida Statutes, to read:**

506 322.12 Examination of applicants.—

507 (4) The examination for an applicant for a commercial  
508 driver license shall include a test of the applicant's eyesight  
509 given by a driver license examiner designated by the department  
510 or by a licensed ophthalmologist, optometrist, or physician and

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511 a test of the applicant's hearing given by a driver license  
512 examiner or a licensed physician. The examination shall also  
513 include a test of the applicant's ability to read and understand  
514 highway signs regulating, warning, and directing traffic; his or  
515 her knowledge of the traffic laws of this state pertaining to  
516 the class of motor vehicle which he or she is applying to be  
517 licensed to operate, including laws regulating driving under the  
518 influence of alcohol or controlled substances, driving with an  
519 unlawful blood-alcohol level, and driving while intoxicated; his  
520 or her knowledge of the effects of alcohol and controlled  
521 substances and the dangers of driving a motor vehicle after  
522 having consumed alcohol or controlled substances; and his or her  
523 knowledge of any special skills, requirements, or precautions  
524 necessary for the safe operation of the class of vehicle which  
525 he or she is applying to be licensed to operate. In addition,  
526 the examination shall include an actual demonstration of the  
527 applicant's ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control  
528 in the safe operation of a motor vehicle or combination of  
529 vehicles of the type covered by the license classification which  
530 the applicant is seeking, including an examination of the  
531 applicant's ability to perform an inspection of his or her  
532 vehicle.

533 (c) An applicant for a commercial driver license who  
534 receives unauthorized assistance from another person in  
535 completing the portion of the examination which tests the

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536 applicant's ability to read and understand highway signs  
537 regulating, warning, and directing traffic or his or her  
538 knowledge of the traffic laws of this state pertaining to the  
539 class of motor vehicle for which he or she is applying to be  
540 licensed to operate, including laws regulating driving under the  
541 influence of alcohol or controlled substances, driving with an  
542 unlawful blood-alcohol level, and driving while intoxicated,  
543 commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as  
544 provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

545 **Section 10. Section 322.36, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
546 **to read:**

547 322.36 Permitting unauthorized operator to drive.—

548 (1) A person may not authorize or knowingly permit a motor  
549 vehicle owned by him or her or under his or her dominion or  
550 control to be operated upon any highway or public street except  
551 by a person who is duly authorized to operate a motor vehicle  
552 under this chapter.

553 (2) A person may not knowingly or willfully provide  
554 unauthorized assistance to an applicant for the examination  
555 required to hold a commercial driver license pursuant to s.  
556 322.12(4).

557 (3) A Any person who violates this section commits a  
558 misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s.  
559 775.082 or s. 775.083. If a person violates this section by  
560 knowingly loaning a vehicle to a person whose driver license is

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561 suspended and if that vehicle is involved in an accident  
562 resulting in bodily injury or death, the driver license of the  
563 person violating this section must shall be suspended for 1  
564 year.

565 **Section 11. Sections 377.71, 377.711, and 377.712, Florida**  
566 Statutes, are repealed.

567 **Section 12. Present paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection**  
568 **(3) of section 403.0855, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as**  
569 **paragraphs (b) and (c), respectively, a new paragraph (a) is**  
570 **added to that subsection, and subsections (2) and (4) of that**  
571 **section are amended, to read:**

572 403.0855 Biosolids management.—

573 (2) The department shall adopt rules for biosolids  
574 management. ~~Rules adopted by the department pursuant to this~~  
575 ~~section may not take effect until ratified by the Legislature.~~

576 (3) For a new land application site permit or a permit  
577 renewal issued after July 1, 2020, the permittee of a biosolids  
578 land application site shall:

579 (a) Ensure that only Class AA biosolids are applied to the  
580 soil.

581 (4) All permits shall comply with the requirements of  
582 subsection (3)(a) by July 1, 2028~~2022~~.

583 **Section 13. Subsection (5) of section 482.071, Florida**  
584 **Statutes, is amended, and present subsection (5) is renumbered**  
585 **to read:**

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586 482.071 Licenses.—

587 (5) Each person making application for a pest control  
588 business license or renewal thereof who will offer and perform  
589 fumigations as a part of their regular business operations must  
590 furnish to the department a certificate of insurance that meets  
591 the requirement for minimum financial responsibility for bodily  
592 injury and property damage consisting of:

593 1. Bodily injury: \$1,000,000 per person and \$2,000,000 per  
594 occurrence; and property damage: \$1,000,000 per occurrence and  
595 \$2,000,000 in the aggregate; or

596 2. Combined single-limit coverage: \$2,000,000 in the  
597 aggregate.

598 (6) ~~(5)~~ A license under this section is a prerequisite for  
599 the issuance of a local occupational license to engage in pest  
600 control, as provided in s. 205.1967.

601 **Section 14. Subsection (7) of section 482.161, Florida**  
602 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

603 482.161 Disciplinary grounds and actions; reinstatement.—

604 (7) The department, pursuant to chapter 120, in addition  
605 to or in lieu of any other remedy provided by state or local  
606 law, may impose an administrative fine in the Class III ~~II~~  
607 category pursuant to s. 570.971 for a violation of this chapter  
608 or of the rules adopted pursuant to this chapter. In determining  
609 the amount of fine to be levied for a violation, the following  
610 factors shall be considered:

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611       **Section 15. Subsections (3) and (5) of section 482.165,**  
612       **Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

613       482.165 Unlicensed practice of pest control; cease and  
614       desist order; injunction; civil suit and penalty.—

615       (3) In addition to or in lieu of any remedy provided under  
616       subsection (2), the department may institute a civil suit in  
617       circuit court to recover a civil penalty for any violation for  
618       which the department may issue a notice to cease and desist  
619       under subsection (2). The civil penalty shall be in the Class  
620       III ~~II~~ category pursuant to s. 570.971 for each offense. The  
621       court may also award to the prevailing party court costs and  
622       reasonable attorney fees.

623       (5) In addition to or in lieu of any remedy provided under  
624       subsections (2) and (3), the department may, even in the case of  
625       a first offense, impose a fine not less than twice the cost of a  
626       pest control business license, but not more than a fine in the  
627       Class III ~~II~~ category pursuant to s. 570.971, upon a  
628       determination by the department that a person is in violation of  
629       subsection (1). For the purposes of this subsection, the lapse  
630       of a previously issued license for a period of less than 1 year  
631       is not considered a violation.

632       **Section 16. Subsections (20) and (21) are added to section**  
633       **489.105, Florida Statutes, to read:**

634       489.105 Definitions.—As used in this part:

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635 (20) "Subcontractor" has the same meaning as in s.636 558.002.637 (21) "Supplier" has the same meaning as in s. 558.002.638 **Section 17. Section 489.1295, Florida Statutes, is created**  
639 **to read:**640 489.1295 Theft of subcontractor or supplier services.—641 (1) A person licensed as a contractor or who otherwise  
642 holds himself or herself out to be a contractor may not  
643 knowingly or willfully fail to compensate his or her  
644 subcontractors or suppliers without reasonable cause within 30  
645 days after receiving payment for the services performed by the  
646 subcontractor or supplier.647 (2) A person licensed as a contractor or who otherwise  
648 holds himself or herself out to be a contractor who violates  
649 this section commits a misdemeanor of the first degree,  
650 punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.651 (3) If a person licensed as a contractor or who otherwise  
652 holds himself or herself out to be a contractor violates this  
653 section and the services performed by the subcontractor or  
654 supplier are valued at \$20,000 or more, such person commits a  
655 felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s.  
656 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.657 **Section 18. Subsection (6) of section 500.04, Florida**  
658 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

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659        500.04 Prohibited acts.—The following acts and the causing  
660 thereof within the state are prohibited:

661        (6) The obstruction of or refusal to permit entry or  
662 inspection, or to permit the taking of a sample, as authorized  
663 by s. 500.147.

664        **Section 19. Section 500.81, Florida Statutes, is repealed.**

665        **Section 20. Subsection (5) of section 500.93, Florida  
666 Statutes, is amended to read:**

667        500.93 Mislabeling of plant-based products as milk, meat,  
668 or poultry.—

669        (5) The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services  
670 shall notify the Division of Law Revision upon the enactment  
671 into law by any 11 of the group of 14 states composed of  
672 Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana,  
673 Maryland, Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee,  
674 Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia of the mandatory labeling  
675 requirements pursuant to paragraphs (2) (a), (3) (a), and (4) (a)  
676 subsections (2) and (3).

677        **Section 21. Section 501.013, Florida Statutes, is amended  
678 to read:**

679        501.013 Health studios; exemptions.—

680        (1) The following businesses or activities may be declared  
681 exempt from ~~the provisions of~~ ss. 501.012-501.019 upon the  
682 filing of an affidavit with the department establishing that the  
683 stated qualifications are met:

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684        (a)~~(1)~~ A bona fide nonprofit organization which has been  
685 granted tax-exempt status by the Internal Revenue Service.

686        (b)~~(2)~~ A gymnastics school which engages only in  
687 instruction and training and in which exercise is only  
688 incidental to such instruction and training.

689        (c)~~(3)~~ A golf, tennis, or racquetball club in which sports  
690 play is the only activity offered by the club. If the facility  
691 offers the use of physical exercise equipment, this exemption  
692 shall not apply.

693        (d)~~(4)~~ A program or facility which is offered and used  
694 solely for the purpose of dance, aerobic exercise, or martial  
695 arts, and which utilizes no physical exercise equipment.

696        (e)~~(5)~~ A country club that has as its primary function the  
697 provision of a social life and recreational amenities to its  
698 members, and for which a program of physical exercise is merely  
699 incidental to membership. As used in this paragraph subsection,  
700 the term "country club" means a facility that offers its members  
701 a variety of services that may include, but need not be limited  
702 to, social activities; dining, banquet, catering, and lounge  
703 facilities; swimming; yachting; golf; tennis; card games such as  
704 bridge and canasta; and special programs for members' children.  
705 Upon the filing of an affidavit with the department establishing  
706 that the stated qualifications of this paragraph subsection were  
707 met before July 1, 1997, this paragraph subsection will apply

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708 retroactively to the date that the country club met these  
709 qualifications.

710 (f) (6) A program or facility that is offered by an  
711 organization for the exclusive use of its employees and their  
712 family members.

713 (2) In addition to the businesses and activities listed in  
714 subsection (1), the department may exempt any other business or  
715 activity not in existence as of July 1, 2026, from ss. 501.012-  
716 501.019.

717 **Section 22. Section 501.062, Florida Statutes, is created**  
718 **to read:**

719 501.062 Unauthorized commercial solicitation; legislative  
720 intent; definitions; prohibited acts; penalties.—

721 (1) LEGISLATIVE INTENT.—It is the intent of the  
722 Legislature to protect, preserve, and promote the safety,  
723 welfare, and peace of the citizens of this state by adopting  
724 measure to reduce the threat to private property rights,  
725 including the right to exclude and to be free from trespass of  
726 unauthorized commercial solicitation on private property when  
727 noticed by the property owner. It is the intent of this section  
728 to protect such private property rights by creating a uniform  
729 standard for notifying individuals or groups of individuals that  
730 commercial solicitation is prohibited on private property.

731 (2) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

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732       (a) "Commercial solicitation" means the act of attempting  
733       to sell goods or services, or to raise funds for a commercial  
734       purpose, through direct or indirect contact with individuals,  
735       including, but not limited to, using words, body gestures, or  
736       signs, on behalf of a business or commercial entity.

737       (b) "Dwelling" has the same meaning as in s. 810.011(2).

738       (3) PROHIBITED ACTS.—A person may not engage in commercial  
739       solicitation on any dwelling that clearly and prominently  
740       displays a sign that is no less than 8.5 by 11 inches, is  
741       visible to any person approaching the dwelling, and clearly  
742       displays a statement which identifies the dwelling as private  
743       property on which commercial solicitation is prohibited, in  
744       substantially the following manner with letters at least 1 inch  
745       in height:

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747       THIS DWELLING IS DESIGNATED PRIVATE PROPERTY. NO  
748       COMMERCIAL SOLICITATION IS PERMITTED PURSUANT TO  
749       SECTION 501.062, FLORIDA STATUTES.

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751       (4) PENALTIES.—A person who violates subsection (3)  
752       commits a noncriminal violation, punishable as provided in s.  
753       775.083. A person who commits a second or subsequent violation  
754       commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as  
755       provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

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756       **Section 23. Subsection (50) is added to section 570.07,**  
757       **Florida Statutes, to read:**

758       570.07 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services;  
759       functions, powers, and duties.—The department shall have and  
760       exercise the following functions, powers, and duties:

761       (50) Notwithstanding s. 20.04(7), to reorganize  
762       departmental units upon the approval of the commissioner.

763       **Section 24. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (3) of**  
764       **section 570.822, Florida Statutes, to read:**

765       570.822 Agriculture and Aquaculture Producers Emergency  
766       Recovery Loan Program.—

767       (3) ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS.—To be eligible for the program,  
768       an applicant must:

769       (c) Be a United States citizen and a legal resident of  
770       this state before or on the date of the declared emergency. If  
771       the applicant is an entity as defined in s. 605.0102, the entity  
772       must be wholly owned and operated in the United States and  
773       possess an active certificate of status issued by the Department  
774       of State pursuant to chapter 605.

775       **Section 25. Section 570.832, Florida Statutes, is created**  
776       **to read:**

777       570.832 Florida Native Seed Research and Marketing  
778       Program.— The Florida Wildflower Foundation, in coordination  
779       with the department, shall, subject to appropriation, establish  
780       the Florida native Seed Research and Marketing Program to

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781 conduct research designed to expand the availability and uses of  
782 native seeds and strengthen the market position of this state's  
783 native seed industry through marketing campaigns and promotions  
784 within this state and the nation.

785 **Section 26. Section 570.846, Florida Statutes, is created**  
786 **to read:**

787 570.846 Food Animal Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment  
788 Program.—

789 (1) PURPOSE.—To encourage specialized and qualified  
790 veterinary professionals to practice in this state, to retain  
791 the employment of such professionals in this state, and to  
792 promote the care and treatment of food animals intended for  
793 human consumption, there is established the Food Animal  
794 Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program. The purpose of the  
795 program is to authorize the department to make payments that  
796 offset loans incurred for studies leading to a veterinary degree  
797 and a specialization in food animal veterinary medicine.

798 (2) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

799 (a) "Food animal" means a species of animal raised for the  
800 human food supply. Food animal species include cattle, swine,  
801 sheep, goat, poultry, aquaculture, and apiary species.

802 (b) "Food animal veterinarian" means a veterinarian  
803 working in food animal veterinary medicine who focuses on the  
804 management and health of food animals, and who spends a minimum  
805 of 20 hours per week on food animal species care and treatment.

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806        (c) "Food animal veterinary medicine" means veterinary  
807        medical practice that encompasses medical care, disease  
808        prevention, and consultation on feeding, housing, and overall  
809        herd management of food animals to ensure a safe, healthy, and  
810        sustainable food supply for the public.

811        (3) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible for the program, a  
812        candidate must have graduated from an American Veterinary  
813        Medical Association-accredited college of veterinary medicine,  
814        have received a Florida veterinary medical license, have  
815        obtained a Category II Accreditation from the United States  
816        Department of Agriculture, and be a practicing food animal  
817        veterinarian in this state.

818        (4) FUNDING.—Subject to legislative appropriation, the  
819        department may make loan principal repayments of up to \$25,000  
820        per eligible candidate per year. Loan principle repayments may  
821        be made on behalf of each eligible candidate each year for up to  
822        5 years. The department may select up to three new eligible  
823        candidates each year. All repayments are contingent upon  
824        continued proof of employment in this state as a practicing food  
825        animal veterinarian.

826        (5) DUPLICATION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—An eligible  
827        candidate receiving financial assistance from the federal  
828        veterinary medicine loan repayment program as established in 7  
829        U.S.C. part 3151a is ineligible to receive financial assistance  
830        from the program under this section.

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831        (6) RULEMAKING.—The department may adopt any rule  
832        necessary for the administration of the program.

833        **Section 27. Subsection (1) of section 570.85, Florida  
834        Statutes, is amended to read:**

835        570.85 Agritourism.—

836        (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to promote  
837        agritourism as a way to support bona fide agricultural  
838        production by providing a stream of revenue and by educating the  
839        general public about the agricultural industry. It is also the  
840        intent of the Legislature to eliminate duplication of regulatory  
841        authority over agritourism as expressed in this section. Except  
842        as otherwise provided for in this section, and notwithstanding  
843        any other law, a local government may not adopt or enforce a  
844        local ordinance, regulation, rule, or policy that prohibits,  
845        restricts, regulates, or otherwise limits an agritourism  
846        activity on land classified as agricultural land under s.  
847        193.461, and may not require a property owner to obtain a rural  
848        event venue permit or license. This subsection does not limit  
849        the powers and duties of a local government to address  
850        substantial offsite impacts of agritourism activities or an  
851        emergency as provided in chapter 252.

852        **Section 28. Subsection (6) is added to section 570.86,  
853        Florida Statutes, to read:**

854        570.86 Definitions.—As used in ss. 570.85-570.89, the term:

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855        (6) "Rural event venue" means a venue located on property  
856        classified as agricultural pursuant to the provisions of s.  
857        193.461, and used for special functions such as weddings,  
858        receptions, corporate meetings, or similar gatherings.

859        **Section 29. Subsection (4) of section 583.01, Florida**  
860        **Statutes, is amended to read:**

861        583.01 Definitions.—For the purpose of this chapter,  
862        unless elsewhere indicated, the term:

863        (4) "Dealer" means a person, firm, or corporation,  
864        including a producer, processor, retailer, or wholesaler, that  
865        sells, offers for sale, or holds for the purpose of sale in this  
866        state 30 dozen or more eggs or its equivalent in any one week,  
867        or more than 20,000 ~~384~~ dressed birds annually in any one week.

868        **Section 30. Section 590.02, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
869        **to read:**

870        590.02 Florida Forest Service; powers, authority, and  
871        duties; liability; building structures; Withlacoochee and Welaka  
872        Training Centers Center.—

873        (1) The Florida Forest Service has the following powers,  
874        authority, and duties to:

875        (a) Enforce the provisions of this chapter;

876        (b) Prevent, detect, and suppress wildfires wherever they  
877        may occur on public or private land in this state and do all  
878        things necessary in the exercise of such powers, authority, and  
879        duties;

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880       (c) Provide firefighting crews, who shall be under the  
881 control and direction of the Florida Forest Service and its  
882 designated agents;

883       (d) Appoint center managers, forest area supervisors,  
884 forestry program administrators, a forest protection bureau  
885 chief, a forest protection assistant bureau chief, a field  
886 operations bureau chief, deputy chiefs of field operations,  
887 district managers, forest operations administrators, senior  
888 forest rangers, investigators, forest rangers, firefighter  
889 rotorcraft pilots, and other employees who may, at the Florida  
890 Forest Service's discretion, be certified as forestry  
891 firefighters pursuant to s. 633.408(8). Other law  
892 notwithstanding, center managers, district managers, forest  
893 protection assistant bureau chief, and deputy chiefs of field  
894 operations have Selected Exempt Service status in the state  
895 personnel designation;

896       (e) Develop a training curriculum for wildland  
897 firefighters which must contain a minimum of 40 hours of  
898 structural firefighter training, a minimum of 40 hours of  
899 emergency medical training, and a minimum of 376 hours of  
900 wildfire training;

901       (f) Pay the cost of the initial commercial driver license  
902 examination fee, and renewal, for those employees whose position  
903 requires them to operate equipment requiring a license. This

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904 paragraph is intended to be an authorization to the department  
905 to pay such costs, not an obligation;

906 (g) Provide fire management services and emergency  
907 response assistance and set and charge reasonable fees for  
908 performance of those services. Moneys collected from such fees  
909 shall be deposited into the Incidental Trust Fund of the Florida  
910 Forest Service;

911 (h) Require all state, regional, and local government  
912 agencies operating aircraft in the vicinity of an ongoing  
913 wildfire to operate in compliance with the applicable state  
914 Wildfire Aviation Plan;

915 (i) Authorize broadcast burning, prescribed burning, pile  
916 burning, and land clearing debris burning to carry out the  
917 duties of this chapter and the rules adopted thereunder; and

918 (j) Make rules to accomplish the purposes of this chapter.

919 (2) The Florida Forest Service's employees, and the  
920 firefighting crews under their control and direction, may enter  
921 upon any lands for the purpose of preventing, detecting, and  
922 suppressing wildfires and investigating smoke complaints or open  
923 burning not in compliance with authorization and to enforce the  
924 provisions of this chapter.

925 (3) Employees of the Florida Forest Service and of  
926 federal, state, and local agencies, and all other persons and  
927 entities that are under contract or agreement with the Florida  
928 Forest Service to assist in firefighting operations as well as

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929 those entities, called upon by the Florida Forest Service to  
930 assist in firefighting may, in the performance of their duties,  
931 set counterfires, remove fences and other obstacles, dig  
932 trenches, cut firelines, use water from public and private  
933 sources, and carry on all other customary activities in the  
934 fighting of wildfires without incurring liability to any person  
935 or entity. The manner in which the Florida Forest Service  
936 monitors a smoldering wildfire or smoldering prescribed fire or  
937 fights any wildfire are planning level activities for which  
938 sovereign immunity applies and is not waived.

939 (4) (a) The department may build structures,  
940 notwithstanding chapters 216 and 255, not to exceed a cost of  
941 \$50,000 per structure from existing resources on forest lands,  
942 federal excess property, and unneeded existing structures. These  
943 structures must meet all applicable building codes.

944 (b) Notwithstanding s. 553.80(1), the department shall  
945 exclusively enforce the Florida Building Code as it pertains to  
946 wildfire, law enforcement, and other Florida Forest Service  
947 facilities under the jurisdiction of the department.

948 (5) The Florida Forest Service shall organize its  
949 operational units to most effectively prevent, detect, and  
950 suppress wildfires, and to that end, may employ the necessary  
951 personnel to manage its activities in each unit. The Florida  
952 Forest Service may construct lookout towers, roads, bridges,  
953 firelines, and other facilities and may purchase or fabricate

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954 tools, supplies, and equipment for firefighting. The Florida  
955 Forest Service may reimburse the public and private entities  
956 that it engages to assist in the suppression of wildfires for  
957 their personnel and equipment, including aircraft.

958 (6) The Florida Forest Service shall undertake  
959 privatization alternatives for fire prevention activities  
960 including constructing fire lines and conducting prescribed  
961 burns and, where appropriate, entering into agreements or  
962 contracts with the private sector to perform such activities.

963 (7) The Florida Forest Service may organize, staff, equip,  
964 and operate the Withlacoochee and Welaka Training Centers  
965 ~~Center~~. The centers ~~center~~ shall serve as sites ~~a site~~ where  
966 fire and forest resource managers can obtain current knowledge,  
967 techniques, skills, and theory as they relate to their  
968 respective disciplines, and the centers:-

969 (a) ~~The center~~ May establish cooperative efforts involving  
970 federal, state, and local entities; hire appropriate personnel;  
971 and engage others by contract or agreement with or without  
972 compensation to assist in carrying out the training and  
973 operations of the centers ~~center~~.

974 (b) ~~The center~~ Shall provide wildfire suppression training  
975 opportunities for rural fire departments, volunteer fire  
976 departments, and other local fire response units.

977 (c) ~~The center~~ Shall focus on curriculum related to, but  
978 not limited to, fuel reduction, an incident management system,

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979 prescribed burning certification, multiple-use land management,  
980 water quality, forest health, environmental education, and  
981 wildfire suppression training for structural firefighters.

982 (d) ~~The center~~ May assess appropriate fees for food,  
983 lodging, travel, course materials, and supplies in order to meet  
984 its operational costs and may grant free meals, room, and  
985 scholarships to persons and other entities as determined by the  
986 Florida Forest Service, regardless of whether training occurs at  
987 the Withlacoochee or Welaka Training Center or at another  
988 location in exchange for instructional assistance.

989 (8) (a) The Cross City Work Center shall be named the L.  
990 Earl Peterson Forestry Station. This is to honor Mr. L. Earl  
991 Peterson, Florida's sixth state forester, whose distinguished  
992 career in state government has spanned 44 years, and who is a  
993 native of Dixie County.

994 (b) The Madison Forestry Station shall be named the Harvey  
995 Greene Sr. Forestry Station. This is to honor Mr. Harvey Greene  
996 Sr., a World War I veteran and pioneer in forestry in Madison  
997 County. In 1947, Mr. Harvey Greene Sr. offered to give the land  
998 on which the forestry station is located to the state; however,  
999 at that time, the state could not accept donations of land.  
1000 Instead, Mr. Harvey Greene Sr. sold the land to the state and,  
1001 with the proceeds of the sale, purchased forestry equipment to  
1002 be used by the citizens of Madison County to plant trees and  
1003 fight wildfires.

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1004       (c) The Bonifay Forestry Station shall be named the John  
1005 Michael Mathis Forestry Station. This is to honor the late Mr.  
1006 John Michael Mathis, the Chipola Forestry Center manager whose  
1007 distinguished career spanned 18 years, and who received many  
1008 awards for his service, including commendation for leadership in  
1009 wildfire mitigation for his service during Hurricane Michael.  
1010 Mr. John Michael Mathis was a proud husband, father, forester,  
1011 and friend.

1012       (9) (a) Notwithstanding ss. 273.055 and 287.16, the  
1013 department may retain, transfer, warehouse, bid, destroy, scrap,  
1014 or otherwise dispose of surplus equipment and vehicles that are  
1015 used for wildland firefighting.

1016       (b) All money received from the disposition of state-owned  
1017 equipment and vehicles that are used for wildland firefighting  
1018 shall be retained by the department. Money received pursuant to  
1019 this section is appropriated for and may be disbursed for the  
1020 acquisition of exchange and surplus equipment used for wildland  
1021 firefighting, and for all necessary operating expenditures  
1022 related to such equipment, in the same fiscal year and the  
1023 fiscal year following the disposition. The department shall  
1024 maintain records of the accounts into which the money is  
1025 deposited.

1026       (10) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 252.38, the  
1027 Florida Forest Service has exclusive authority to require and  
1028 issue authorizations for broadcast burning and agricultural and

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1029 silvicultural pile burning. An agency, commission, department,  
1030 county, municipality, or other political subdivision of the  
1031 state may not adopt or enforce laws, regulations, rules, or  
1032 policies pertaining to broadcast burning or agricultural and  
1033 silvicultural pile burning.

1034 (b) The Florida Forest Service may delegate to a county,  
1035 municipality, or special district its authority:

1036 1. As delegated by the Department of Environmental  
1037 Protection pursuant to ss. 403.061(29) and 403.081, to manage  
1038 and enforce regulations pertaining to the burning of yard trash  
1039 in accordance with s. 590.125(6).

1040 2. To manage the open burning of land clearing debris in  
1041 accordance with s. 590.125.

1042 **Section 31. Section 595.421, Florida Statutes, is created**  
1043 **to read:**

1044 595.421 Farmers Feeding Florida Program.—There is  
1045 established the Farmers Feeding Florida Program to coordinate  
1046 with Feeding Florida, or its successor entity, for the  
1047 acquisition, transportation, and distribution of non-Emergency  
1048 Food Assistance Program fresh food products for the benefit of  
1049 residents who are food insecure due to a lack of local food  
1050 resources, accessibility, and affordability.

1051 (1) In order to implement the program, Feeding Florida  
1052 shall:

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1053        (a) Enter into an agreement with the department to  
1054 provide, at a minimum, all of the following services:  
1055        1. Transportation of non-Emergency Food Assistance Program  
1056 fresh food products using owned vehicles or contracted  
1057 commercial vehicles.  
1058        2. Coordination of the purchase and pickup of food from  
1059 the purchase location and delivery to the distribution location.  
1060        (b) Submit monthly reports to the department, beginning  
1061 July 1, 2026, which include, at a minimum, all of the following:  
1062        1. A detailed record of the amount of food purchased,  
1063 measured per pound and itemized according to its commodity type.  
1064        2. Food purchase locations.  
1065        3. Food purchase dates.  
1066        4. The date of delivery and locations to which the food  
1067 was distributed.  
1068        (c) Submit quarterly reports, beginning July 1, 2026, to  
1069 the chairs of the legislative appropriations committees,  
1070 including all of the following information:  
1071        1. A detailed record of the amount of food distributed,  
1072 measured per pound and itemized according to its commodity type.  
1073        2. The distribution locations.  
1074        3. An itemized list of the types of commodities  
1075 distributed.

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1076        (2) Foods purchased by Feeding Florida through the program  
1077        are restricted to charitable purposes for hunger relief and may  
1078        not reenter the wholesale, retail, or secondary market.

1079        (3) Feeding Florida may not, in implementing this section,  
1080        allow a candidate for elective office to host a food  
1081        distribution event during the period of time between the last  
1082        day of the election qualifying period and the date of the  
1083        election if the candidate is opposed for election or re-election  
1084        at the time of the event. This subsection does not apply if the  
1085        event is in response to a declared state of emergency.

1086        **Section 32. Present paragraph (c) of subsection (7) of**  
1087        **section 597.004, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph**  
1088        **(d) and amended, a new paragraph (c) is added to that**  
1089        **subsection, and paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of that section**  
1090        **is amended, to read:**

1091        597.004 Aquaculture certificate of registration.—

1092        (2) RULES.—

1093        (a) The department, in consultation with the Department of  
1094        Environmental Protection, the water management districts,  
1095        environmental groups, and representatives from the affected  
1096        farming groups, shall adopt rules to:

1097        1. Specify the requirement of best management practices to  
1098        be implemented by holders of aquaculture certificates of  
1099        registration.

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1100        2. Establish procedures for holders of aquaculture  
1101 certificates of registration to submit the notice of intent to  
1102 comply with best management practices.

1103        3. Establish schedules for implementation of best  
1104 management practices, and of interim measures that can be taken  
1105 prior to adoption of best management practices. Interim measures  
1106 may include the continuation of regulatory requirements in  
1107 effect on June 30, 1998.

1108        4. Establish a system to assure the implementation of best  
1109 management practices, including recordkeeping requirements.

1110        5. Require any facility that cultures *Micropterus*  
1111 *salmoides floridanus* to maintain stock acquisition documentation  
1112 or records of genetic testing.

1113        (7) REGISTRATION AND RENEWALS.—

1114        (c) The department may not renew a certificate of  
1115 registration for a facility that is not compliant with this  
1116 section unless documentation of corrective action is provided  
1117 with the renewal application.

1118        (d) ~~(e)~~ A Any person whose certificate of registration has  
1119 been revoked or suspended must reapply to the department for  
1120 certification. A person, a company, or an entity, or a principal  
1121 of a company or an entity whose certificate of registration has  
1122 been revoked, may not reapply for a period of 3 years.

1123        **Section 33. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section**  
1124 **597.010, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

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1125 597.010 Shellfish regulation; leases.—

1126 (5) LEASES IN PERPETUITY; RENT.—

1127 (a) All leases issued previously under ~~the provisions of~~  
1128 s. 379.2525 shall be enforced under the authority of this  
1129 chapter, notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, and  
1130 shall continue in perpetuity under such restrictions as stated  
1131 in the lease agreement. The annual rental fee charged for all  
1132 leases shall consist of the minimum rate of \$15 per acre, or any  
1133 fraction of an acre, per year and may shall be adjusted on  
1134 January 1, 1995, and every 5 years thereafter, based on the 5-  
1135 year average change in the Consumer Price Index. Rent must shall  
1136 be paid in advance of January 1 of each year or, in the case of  
1137 a new lease, at the time of signing, regardless of who holds the  
1138 lease.

1139 **Section 34. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (1) of**  
1140 **section 599.012, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

1141 599.012 Florida Wine Trust Fund; creation.—

1142 (1) There is established the Florida Wine Trust Fund  
1143 within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. The  
1144 department shall use the moneys deposited in the trust fund  
1145 pursuant to subsection (2) to do all the following:

1146 (b) Promote wine ~~viticulture~~ products manufactured from  
1147 products grown in the state.

1148 (c) Provide grants for wine and viticultural research.

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1149       **Section 35. Section 616.001, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
1150       **to read:**

1151       616.001 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

1152       (1) "Annual public fair" means a ~~community, county,~~  
1153 ~~district, regional, or state~~ fair that is held and conducted by  
1154 a fair association and permitted by the department pursuant to  
1155 s. 616.15.

1156       (2) "Authority" means the Florida State Fair Authority.

1157       (3) "Community fair" means an annual public fair that  
1158 ~~serves an area of less than an entire county, has exhibits that~~  
1159 ~~are in accordance with s. 616.17, and gives premiums or awards~~  
1160 ~~to exhibitors. Agricultural products shall be produced in the~~  
1161 ~~community the exhibit represents. The majority of the board of~~  
1162 ~~directors of the fair shall reside, be employed, or operate a~~  
1163 ~~business in the community the fair represents.~~

1164       (3)-(4) "Concession" means use by a fair association, or a  
1165 grant, lease, or license to a third party, of a portion of the  
1166 land under the ownership, custody, or control of a fair  
1167 association for specific uses, or the right to enter upon the  
1168 land for specific purposes, such as providing rides, games,  
1169 food, beverage, merchandise for sale, exhibits, projects,  
1170 activities, events, programs, or other uses authorized in this  
1171 chapter.

1172       (5) "County fair" means an annual public fair that ~~serves~~  
1173 ~~an entire county and provides exhibitors with premiums or awards~~

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1174 for exhibits that are in accordance with s. 616.17. Agricultural  
1175 products must be typical of those produced in the county the  
1176 exhibit represents. The majority of the board of directors of  
1177 the fair shall reside, be employed, or operate a business in the  
1178 county that the fair association represents.

1179 (4) ~~(6)~~ "Department" means the Department of Agriculture  
1180 and Consumer Services.

1181 (7) ~~"District fair"~~ means an annual public fair that  
1182 serves at least five counties and has exhibits that meet the  
1183 requirements of s. 616.17. A district fair shall pay at least  
1184 \$25,000 in cash premiums or awards to exhibitors. Agricultural  
1185 products must be typical of those produced in the counties the  
1186 exhibit represents. Livestock may originate from outside the  
1187 district, but must be registered in the exhibitor's name at  
1188 least 30 days before the opening day of the fair. Each county is  
1189 encouraged to have proportionate exhibits, typical of its  
1190 respective natural resources. Each county shall have exhibits  
1191 representing basic resources in agriculture and industry.

1192 (5) ~~(8)~~ "Entry" means one item entered for competition or  
1193 show. An entry may constitute an exhibit, depending upon the  
1194 regulations stated in the premium book.

1195 (6) ~~(9)~~ "Exhibit" means one or more entries entered for  
1196 exhibition and constituting a unit. An exhibit may consist of  
1197 one or more entries, depending upon the regulations stated in  
1198 the premium book. The term includes parades and displays of

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1199 articles or a collection of articles, whether static,  
1200 interactive, or dynamic, by a fair association or a third party  
1201 contracting with a fair association, such as exhibits of  
1202 animals, art, housewares, or motor vehicles.

1203 (7)(10) "Exhibitor" means an individual, a group of  
1204 individuals, or a business, including a fair association or  
1205 third party contracting with a fair association, which has an  
1206 exhibit.

1207 (8)(11) "Fair association" or "association" means an  
1208 association not for profit incorporated under this chapter for  
1209 the purpose of conducting and operating public fairs or  
1210 expositions.

1211 (9)(12) "Public fair or exposition" means a project,  
1212 activity, event, or program, and use by a fair association,  
1213 including, but not limited to, the annual public fair, which  
1214 serves the purposes specified in s. 616.08 and benefits and  
1215 develops the educational, agricultural, horticultural,  
1216 livestock, charitable, historical, civic, cultural, scientific,  
1217 and other resources of this state, or any county, municipality,  
1218 or other community in this state.

1219 (13) "Regional fair" or "interstate fair" means an annual  
1220 public fair of this state and other states in which fair  
1221 exhibits meet the requirements of s. 616.17. Agricultural  
1222 products must be typical of those produced in the area the  
1223 exhibit represents.

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1224        (10) ~~(14)~~ "Specialized show" means a show or an exhibition  
1225 exhibiting and emphasizing livestock or poultry, or a fruit or  
1226 vegetable festival, and must meet the minimum exhibit  
1227 requirements specified in s. 616.17. ~~A specialized show may~~  
1228 ~~qualify under one of the definitions in subsections (3), (5),~~  
1229 ~~(7), and (15).~~

1230        (11) ~~(15)~~ "State fair" means an annual public fair that  
1231 serves the entire state. ~~Exhibits must comply with s. 616.17,~~  
1232 ~~and cash premiums or awards may be given to exhibitors.~~

1233        **Section 36. Section 616.01, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
1234 **to read:**

1235        616.01 Requirements for Number of persons required;  
1236 ~~requisites of proposed charter. Twenty-five or more persons who~~  
1237 ~~are Residents and qualified electors of the county in which the~~  
1238 ~~annual public fair is to be located, who wish to form an~~  
1239 ~~association not for profit for the purpose of conducting and~~  
1240 ~~operating public fairs or expositions, may become incorporated~~  
1241 ~~in the following manner. The applicant must subscribers shall~~  
1242 ~~submit the proposed charter to the department for review and~~  
1243 ~~approval or denial. If the proposed charter is denied, the~~  
1244 ~~department must provide the applicant with a letter sent to the~~  
1245 ~~mailing address provided on the proposed charter and include a~~  
1246 ~~complete listing of all deficiencies, if any, which must be~~  
1247 ~~remedied before resubmittal of the proposed charter for~~  
1248 ~~approval. If the proposed charter is approved, the applicant~~

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1249 ~~must subscribers shall~~ sign and present a notarized copy of the  
1250 proposed charter to the judge of the circuit court for the  
1251 county in which the principal office of the association will be  
1252 located. The proposed charter must specify:

1253 (1) The name of the association and the place where the  
1254 principal office is to be located. The name of the association  
1255 ~~must shall~~ include the word, "Inc."

1256 (2) The general nature of the objectives and powers of the  
1257 association, including a provision that the association is  
1258 incorporated for the sole purpose of conducting and operating  
1259 public fairs or expositions.

1260 (3) The qualifications and terms of association members  
1261 and criteria for their admission and expulsion. Provision must  
1262 ~~may~~ be made in the charter for ex officio membership.

1263 (4) The time for which the association is to exist.

1264 (5) The name and residence of each subscriber.

1265 (6) Procedures for the election of and governance by  
1266 officers, who may be elected or appointed.

1267 (7) The designation of officers who will manage the  
1268 affairs of the association until the first election or  
1269 appointment under the charter.

1270 (8) Procedures for the adoption, amendment, or rescission  
1271 of bylaws of the association.

1272 (9) The highest amount of indebtedness or liability that  
1273 may be accrued by the association.

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1274        (10) The name an elected member of the board of county  
1275 commissioners of the county in which the principal office of the  
1276 association will be located, who will serve as an ex officio  
1277 member of the board of directors the association.

1278        (11) The official e-mail address of the association which  
1279 will be used for the purpose of official communication between  
1280 the association and governmental entities.

1281        (12) The language for the oath that will be taken by the  
1282 applicant, which must include, but is not limited to, all of the  
1283 following:

1284        (a) That the primary objective of the association is for  
1285 public service and to hold, conduct, and promote public fairs or  
1286 expositions.

1287        (b) That money and other available assets in value  
1288 exceeding \$5,000 have been provided for purposes designated by  
1289 the association.

1290        (c) That the association will operate in good faith to  
1291 carry out the purposes and objectives set forth in the charter.

1292        **Section 37. Section 616.02, Florida Statutes, is amended  
1293 to read:**

1294        616.02 Fair associations per county Acknowledgment of  
1295 charter.—

1296        (1) Beginning July 1, 2026, there may be only one  
1297 incorporated fair association per county in this state,  
1298 excluding the state fair, which may be incorporated and

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1299 conducted in any county. The department may not approve a  
1300 proposed charter incorporating a fair association within the  
1301 same county in which a fair association currently exists. The  
1302 department may waive this requirement at the discretion of the  
1303 Commissioner of Agriculture.

1304 (2) Any fair association incorporated before July 1, 2026,  
1305 may conduct public fairs or expositions and exercise the  
1306 authority provided them pursuant to this chapter. The proposed  
1307 charter of a fair association shall be acknowledged by at least  
1308 three of its subscribers before an officer authorized to make  
1309 acknowledgment of deeds. Subscribers shall also make and take an  
1310 oath, which must be attached to the proposed charter, stating  
1311 that the primary objective of the association is public service  
1312 and holding, conducting, and promoting public fairs or  
1313 expositions; that money and other available assets in value  
1314 exceeding \$5,000 have been provided for the purposes of the  
1315 association; and that the association will operate in good faith  
1316 to carry out the purposes and objectives set forth in its  
1317 charter.

1318 **Section 38. Section 616.03, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
1319 **to read:**

1320 616.03 Notice of application; Approval and record of  
1321 charter.—Upon approval by the department, A notice of intention  
1322 to apply to the circuit court for the charter of a fair  
1323 association must specify the date that application will be made,

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1324 shall be sent to the department for approval, and shall be  
1325 published in a newspaper in the county where the principal  
1326 office of the association will be located once each week for 4  
1327 consecutive weeks. The notice must briefly summarize the charter  
1328 and objectives of the proposed association. the proposed charter  
1329 must shall be submitted to and approved by the board of county  
1330 commissioners of the county in which the principal office of the  
1331 association will be located. After approval by the ~~department~~  
1332 and the board of county commissioners, the proposed charter and  
1333 proof of approval must and publication ~~shall~~ be submitted to the  
1334 circuit judge ~~on the date specified in the notice~~. If no cause  
1335 is shown to the contrary and the judge finds that the proposed  
1336 charter is in proper form and will serve the primary objective  
1337 of public service, the judge must shall approve the charter and  
1338 issue an order incorporating the applicant subscribers under the  
1339 charter for the objectives and purposes specified in the  
1340 charter. The charter and order of incorporation must shall be  
1341 recorded in the office of the clerk of the circuit court in the  
1342 county where the principal office of the association will be  
1343 located and provided to the department. After the order is  
1344 recorded, the applicant subscribers and any their associates are  
1345 incorporated with the objectives and powers established in the  
1346 charter and under the name given in the charter. ~~During the~~  
1347 ~~publication period, the proposed charter shall be on file in the~~  
1348 ~~office of the clerk of the circuit court.~~ This section does not

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1349 preclude a fair association from also filing its duly approved  
1350 charter with the Department of State pursuant to chapter 617 for  
1351 notice purposes.

1352 **Section 39. Subsection (2) of section 616.05, Florida  
1353 Statutes, is amended to read:**

1354 616.05 Amendment of charter.—A fair association may  
1355 propose an amendment to its charter by resolution as provided in  
1356 its charter or bylaws.

1357 (2) After the department approves the proposed amendment,  
1358 it will be incorporated into the original charter upon:

1359 (a) ~~Publication of notice in the same manner as provided  
1360 in s. 616.03;~~

1361 (b) Filing the order of the circuit judge approving the  
1362 amendment with the office of the clerk of the circuit court and  
1363 the department; and

1364 (b)-(e) Being recorded in the clerk's office.

1365  
1366 If a fair association has filed its charter with the Department  
1367 of State pursuant to chapter 617, a copy of any amendment to the  
1368 charter must be filed with the Department of State for notice  
1369 purposes.

1370 **Section 40. Section 616.051, Florida Statutes, is amended  
1371 to read:**

1372 616.051 Dissolving a charter.—

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1373       (1) A fair association may dissolve its charter by  
1374 resolution as provided in its charter or bylaws. The proposal  
1375 for dissolving the charter shall be submitted to the department  
1376 for approval.

1377       (2) Upon approval by the department and upon presentation  
1378 of sufficient evidence demonstrating and publication of notice  
1379 and proof that all indebtedness has been paid and no claims are  
1380 outstanding against the association, the circuit judge may, by  
1381 decree, dissolve the association and order the distribution of  
1382 its remaining assets. Such assets must be distributed, by  
1383 resolution of the board of directors, to the county in which the  
1384 principal office of the association is located unless otherwise  
1385 specified by the deed of the property held by the association  
1386 its remaining public funds to be distributed as recommended by  
1387 the board of directors.

1388       **Section 41. Subsection (3) of section 616.07, Florida**  
1389 **Statutes, is amended, and subsections (1) and (2) of that**  
1390 **section are republished, to read:**

1391       616.07 Members not personally liable; property of  
1392 association held in trust; exempt from taxation.—

1393       (1) A member, officer, director, or trustee of a fair  
1394 association is not personally liable for any of the debts of the  
1395 association, and money or property of a fair association may not  
1396 be distributed as profits or dividends among its members,  
1397 officers, directors, or trustees.

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1398       (2) All money and property of the association, except that  
1399 necessary for the payment of its just debts and liabilities, are  
1400 public property, shall be administered by the association as  
1401 trustee, and shall be used exclusively for the legitimate  
1402 purpose of the association. So long as they are used for that  
1403 purpose, all money and property of the association are exempt  
1404 from all forms of taxation, including special assessments, and  
1405 any projects, activities, events, programs, and uses authorized  
1406 by this part serve an essential governmental purpose and,  
1407 therefore, are not taxable and are not subject to assessments.  
1408 This subsection does not apply to chapter 212.

1409       (3) ~~Upon order of the circuit judge, any public funds or~~  
1410 ~~property remaining in a fair association when the association is~~  
1411 ~~dissolved shall be distributed by resolution of the board of~~  
1412 ~~directors to any county or any municipality within the county.~~  
1413 The board may designate in the distribution resolution the  
1414 public project that will benefit from the funds or the manner in  
1415 which the property will be used. If property has been  
1416 contributed by a municipality or county, the property shall be  
1417 reconveyed to the municipality or county that gave the property  
1418 to the association.

1419       **Section 42. Section 616.101, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
1420 **to read:**

1421       616.101 Annual review of accounts and records; review of  
1422 charter.—

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1423        (1) The accounts and records of a ~~every~~ fair association  
1424 whose annual public fair has an annual attendance of more than  
1425 ~~25,000, based upon recorded attendance from the previous year,~~  
1426 ~~must~~ ~~shall~~ be reviewed annually by a qualified accountant  
1427 licensed by the state. A fair association whose annual public  
1428 fair has an annual attendance of 25,000 or fewer, based upon  
1429 recorded attendance from the previous year, or a fair  
1430 association that is holding an annual public fair for the first  
1431 time, must submit an annual financial statement that has been  
1432 signed by an officer of the county. The results of the reviews  
1433 ~~must~~ ~~shall~~ be kept in the official records of each association,  
1434 available to all directors of the association. A certified copy  
1435 of the review ~~must~~ ~~shall~~ be filed with the department:

1436        (a) ~~(1)~~ On request by the department to certify  
1437 expenditures of the premiums awarded to exhibitors of a fair or  
1438 of building funds if ~~when~~ there is evidence of a violation of  
1439 state laws; or

1440        (b) ~~(2)~~ When the association is applying for a fair permit.

1441        (2) A fair association shall, every 5 years beginning July  
1442 1, 2026, review its charter and submit to the department a  
1443 certified copy of the charter which incorporates any amendment  
1444 made during the last 5 years. A designated member of the  
1445 association shall attest that the charter is accurate and  
1446 factual when submitting the certified copy to the department.

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1447       **Section 43. Section 616.15, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
1448       **to read:**

1449       616.15 Permit from Department of Agriculture and Consumer  
1450       Services required.—

1451       (1) An annual public fair may not be conducted by a fair  
1452       association without a permit issued by the department. The  
1453       association shall present to the department an application for a  
1454       permit, signed by an officer of the association, at least 90  
1455       calendar days ~~3 months~~ before holding the annual public fair.  
1456       The application must ~~shall~~ be accompanied by a fee in an amount  
1457       to be determined by the department for processing the  
1458       application and making any required investigation. The  
1459       application fee must be at least \$183 and may not exceed \$366.  
1460       Fees collected under this subsection shall be deposited in the  
1461       General Inspection Trust Fund of the State Treasury in a special  
1462       account to be known as the "Agricultural and Livestock Fair  
1463       Account." A copy of the application must be sent to each fair  
1464       association located within 50 miles of the site of the proposed  
1465       annual public fair at the same time the application is sent to  
1466       the department. The department may issue a permit if the  
1467       applicant provides:

1468       (a) The opening and closing dates of the proposed annual  
1469       public fair.

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(b) The name and address of the owner of the central amusement attraction that will operate during the annual public fair.

(c) An affidavit properly executed by the president or chief executive officer of the applicant association certifying the existence of a binding contract entered into by the association and the owner of the central amusement attraction covering the period for which the permit from the department is applied. The contract between the parties must shall be available for inspection by duly authorized agents of the department in administering this chapter.

(d) A copy of the association's charter which incorporates all amendments made ~~A written statement that the main purpose of the association is to conduct and operate a public fair and exposition, including the annual fair, for the benefit and development of the educational, agricultural, horticultural, livestock, charitable, historical, civic, cultural, scientific, and other resources of the geographical area the fair association represents and serves. The statement must be subscribed and acknowledged by an officer of the association before an officer authorized to take acknowledgments~~

(e) A premium list of the current annual public fair to be conducted and or a copy of the previous year's premium list showing all premiums and awards to be offered to exhibitors in various departments of the annual public fair, which may

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1495 include, but are not limited to, art exhibition; ~~;~~ beef cattle; ~~;~~  
1496 county exhibits; ~~;~~ dairy cattle; ~~;~~ horticulture; ~~;~~ swine; ~~;~~ women's  
1497 department, 4-H Club activities; ~~;~~ Future Farmers of America  
1498 activities; ~~;~~ Family, Career and Community Leaders of America  
1499 ~~Future Homemakers of America~~ activities; ~~;~~ poultry and egg  
1500 exhibits; ~~;~~ and community exhibits. The premium list, which may  
1501 be submitted separately from the application, must be submitted  
1502 at least 60 calendar days before the annual public fair begins  
1503 operation.

1504 (f) A complete listing of all exhibits required pursuant  
1505 ~~to s. 616.17 Proof of liability insurance insuring the~~  
1506 ~~association against liability for injury to persons, in an~~  
1507 ~~amount of not less than \$300,000 per occurrence.~~

1508 (g) ~~A copy of the most recent review.~~

1509 (h) ~~A list of all current members of the board of~~  
1510 ~~directors of the association and their contact information,~~  
1511 ~~including home address.~~

1512  
1513 The department shall issue the permit within 10 calendar days  
1514 after it receives ~~all~~ the information required by this  
1515 subsection and the applicant qualifies pursuant to this section.

1516 (2) At least 21 calendar days before holding the annual  
1517 public fair, the association shall present the department with  
1518 all of the following information:

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1519        (a) Proof of liability insurance insuring the association  
1520        against liability for injury to persons, in an amount not less  
1521        than \$300,000 per occurrence.

1522        (b) A copy of the association's most recent annual  
1523        financial statement pursuant to s. 616.101.

1524        (c) A list of all current members of the board of  
1525        directors of the association and their contact information,  
1526        including mailing addresses.

1527        (3)-(2) The department shall administer and enforce the  
1528        provisions of this chapter except as to the regulation of games,  
1529        which shall be regulated by local law enforcement agencies. The  
1530        department shall adopt rules to administer this chapter,  
1531        including rules governing the form and contents of the  
1532        application for the permit and any reports that it deems may  
1533        deem necessary in enforcing the provisions of this chapter.

1534        (4)-(3) Notwithstanding any fair association meeting the  
1535        requirements set forth in subsection (1), the department may  
1536        order a full investigation to determine if the fair association  
1537        meets the requirements of this part s. 616.01, and may withhold  
1538        a permit from, deny a permit to, or withdraw a permit once  
1539        issued to the association. The department shall also consider  
1540        whether any proposed annual public fair, as set forth in an  
1541        application for a permit, will compete with another annual  
1542        public fair within 50 miles of the proposed annual public fair  
1543        with respect to name, dates of operation, or market. The

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1544 department may deny, withhold, or withdraw a permit from a fair  
1545 association if the department determines that such fair  
1546 association will compete with another association. The  
1547 department shall give preference to existing fair associations  
1548 with established dates, locations, and names. The determination  
1549 by the department is final.

1550 **Section 44. Section 616.251, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
1551 **to read:**

1552 616.251 Florida State Fair Authority; creation;  
1553 responsibility for staging annual state fair; exemptions.—

1554 (1) There is created and constituted the "Florida State  
1555 Fair Authority," a public body corporate and politic, for the  
1556 purposes and with the powers set forth in this part. Such  
1557 instrumentality, hereinafter referred to as "the authority,"  
1558 shall have perpetual succession. For the purposes of  
1559 implementing the intent of this part, the authority shall be  
1560 considered an instrumentality of the state, subject to the  
1561 jurisdiction of the state. Any conflict with respect to that  
1562 jurisdiction will be resolved by the authority and respective  
1563 state agencies.

1564 (2) The authority shall operate under the supervision of  
1565 the Commissioner of Agriculture, which supervision may include,  
1566 but is not limited to, assisting, advising, and making  
1567 recommendations regarding the financing and operation of the  
1568 authority. In assisting and advising the authority, the

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1569 Commissioner of Agriculture may make appropriate staff of the  
1570 department available to the authority.

1571 (3) The authority is charged with the responsibility of  
1572 staging an annual fair to serve the entire state. Cash premiums  
1573 or awards may be given to exhibitors.

1574 (4) The authority shall be exempt from the requirements of  
1575 Part I of this chapter.

1576 (5)-(4) The principal offices of the authority shall be in  
1577 such place or places in or near the City of Tampa as the  
1578 authority may from time to time designate.

1579 **Section 45. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section**  
1580 **624.4032, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

1581 (2) For purposes of this section, the term "nonprofit  
1582 agricultural organization" means an organization that meets all  
1583 of the following criteria:

1584 (b) Is exempt from federal income tax under s. 501(c)(5) s.  
1585 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

1586 **Section 46. Subsection (1) of section 843.085, Florida**  
1587 **Statutes, is amended, and subsection (5) of that section is**  
1588 **republished, to read:**

1589 843.085 Unlawful use of badges or other indicia of  
1590 authority.—

1591 (1) It is unlawful for any person, unless appointed by the  
1592 Governor pursuant to chapter 354, authorized by the appropriate  
1593 agency, or displayed in a closed or mounted case as a collection

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1594 or exhibit, to wear or display any authorized indicia of  
1595 authority, including any badge, insignia, emblem, identification  
1596 card, or uniform, or any colorable imitation thereof, of any  
1597 federal, state, county, or municipal law enforcement agency, or  
1598 other criminal justice agency as defined in s. 943.045, with the  
1599 intent to mislead or cause another person to believe that he or  
1600 she is a member of that agency or is authorized to display or  
1601 wear such item, or to wear or display any item that displays in  
1602 any manner or combination the word or words "police,"  
1603 "patrolman," "patrolwoman," "agent," "sheriff," "deputy,"  
1604 "trooper," "highway patrol," "commission officer," "Wildlife  
1605 Officer," "Department of Environmental Protection officer,"  
1606 "Marine Patrol Officer," "state attorney," "public defender,"  
1607 "marshal," "constable," "bailiff," or "fire department,"  
1608 "concealed weapon permit," or "concealed weapon permitholder"  
1609 with the intent to mislead or cause another person to believe  
1610 that he or she is a member of that agency, if applicable, or is  
1611 authorized to wear or display such item.

1612 (5) A violation of this section is a misdemeanor of the  
1613 first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.  
1614 775.083. This section is cumulative to any law now in force in  
1615 the state.

1616 **Section 47. Section 865.065, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
1617 **to read:**

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1618        865.065 Disparagement of ~~perishable~~ agricultural food  
1619 products; cause of action; limitation.—

1620        (1) The Legislature finds, determines, and declares that  
1621 the production of agricultural food products constitutes an  
1622 important and significant portion of the state economy and that  
1623 it is imperative to protect the vitality of the agricultural  
1624 economy for the citizens of this state by providing a cause of  
1625 action for agricultural producers to recover damages for the  
1626 disparagement of any ~~perishable~~ agricultural product.

1627        (2) For purposes of this section, the term:

1628        (a) (b) "Perishable Agricultural food product" means any  
1629 agricultural or aquacultural food product or commodity grown or  
1630 produced within this the state for a commercial purpose. The  
1631 term also includes any agricultural practices used in the  
1632 production of such products of Florida which is sold or  
1633 distributed in a form that will perish or decay within a  
1634 reasonable period of time.

1635        (b) (a) "Disparagement" means the willful or malicious  
1636 dissemination to the public in any manner of any false  
1637 information that a ~~perishable~~ agricultural food product is not  
1638 safe for human consumption. False information is that  
1639 information which is not based on reliable, scientific facts and  
1640 reliable, scientific data which the disseminator knows or should  
1641 have known to be false.

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1642 (c) "Producer" means the person who actually grows or  
1643 produces ~~perishable~~ agricultural food products.

1644 (3) Any producer or any association representing producers  
1645 of ~~perishable~~ agricultural food products which suffers damages  
1646 as a result of another person's disparagement of any such  
1647 ~~perishable~~ agricultural food product may bring an action for  
1648 damages and for any other relief a court of competent  
1649 jurisdiction deems appropriate, including, but not limited to,  
1650 compensatory and punitive damages, reasonable attorney fees, and  
1651 costs of the action.

1652 (4) The statute of limitations for disparagement of  
1653 ~~perishable~~ agricultural food products is 2 years from the date  
1654 the disparagement occurs.

1655 **Section 48. Subsection (27) is added to section 934.02,**  
1656 **Florida Statutes, to read:**

1657 934.02 Definitions.—As used in this chapter:

1658 (27) "Signal jamming device" means a device or process,  
1659 such as a phone jammer, global positioning systems blocker, or  
1660 other similar device designed to intentionally block, jam, or  
1661 interfere with radio communications, such as cellular and  
1662 personal communication services, police radar, or global  
1663 positioning systems.

1664 **Section 49. Section 934.51, Florida Statutes, is created**  
1665 **to read:**

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1666        934.51 Possession, use, and sale of signal jamming device;  
1667        prohibition; exceptions; penalties.-

1668        (1) PROHIBITION.-It is unlawful to possess, manufacture,  
1669        hold or offer for sale, sell, import, distribute, or use a  
1670        signal jamming device in this state.

1671        (2) EXCEPTIONS.-This section does not apply to a federal  
1672        or military law enforcement agency that lawfully installs,  
1673        places, or uses a signal jamming device as part of a criminal  
1674        investigation, or to any person duly authorized by the Federal  
1675        Communications Commission.

1676        (3) PENALTIES.-A person who violates this section commits  
1677        a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s.  
1678        775.082 or s. 775.083.

1679        **Section 50. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) and subsection**  
1680        **(6) of section 288.1175, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

1681        288.1175 Agriculture education and promotion facility.-

1682        (4) The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services  
1683        shall certify a facility as an agriculture education and  
1684        promotion facility if the Department of Agriculture and Consumer  
1685        Services determines that:

1686        (a) The applicant is a unit of local government as defined  
1687        in s. 218.369, or a fair association as defined in s. 616.001(8)  
1688        ~~s. 616.001(11)~~, which is responsible for the planning, design,  
1689        permitting, construction, renovation, management, and operation  
1690        of the agriculture education and promotion facility or holds

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1691 title to the property on which such facility is to be developed  
1692 and located.

1693 (6) Funds may not be expended to develop or subsidize  
1694 privately owned facilities, except for facilities owned by fair  
1695 associations as defined in s. 616.001(8) ~~s. 616.001(11)~~.

1696 **Section 51. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment  
1697 made by this act to section 287.1351, Florida Statutes, in a  
1698 reference thereto, subsection (4) of section 287.056, Florida  
1699 Statutes, is reenacted to read:**

1700 287.056 Purchases from purchasing agreements and state  
1701 term contracts; vendor disqualification.—

1702 (4) A firm or individual placed on the suspended vendor  
1703 list pursuant to s. 287.1351 or placed on a disqualified vendor  
1704 list pursuant to s. 287.133 or s. 287.134 is immediately  
1705 disqualified from state term contract eligibility.

1706 **Section 52. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment  
1707 made by this act to section 287.1351, Florida Statutes, in a  
1708 reference thereto, subsection (5) of section 287.138, Florida  
1709 Statutes, is reenacted to read:**

1710 287.138 Contracting with entities of foreign countries of  
1711 concern prohibited.—

1712 (5) The Attorney General may bring a civil action in any  
1713 court of competent jurisdiction against an entity that violates  
1714 this section. Violations of this section may result in:

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(a) A civil penalty equal to twice the amount of the contract for which the entity submitted a bid or proposal for, replied to, or entered into;

(b) Ineligibility to enter into, renew, or extend any contract, including any grant agreements, with any governmental entity for up to 5 years;

(c) Ineligibility to receive or renew any license, certification, or credential issued by a governmental entity for up to 5 years; and

(d) Placement on the suspended vendor list pursuant to s. 287.1351.

Section 53. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 500.04, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, subsection (1) of section 500.177, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

500.177 Penalty for violation of s. 500.04; dissemination of false advertisement.—

(1) Any person who violates any provision of s. 500.04 is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083; but, if the violation is committed after a conviction of such person under this section has become final, such person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

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1739       **Section 54. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment**  
1740 **made by this act to section 616.07, Florida Statutes, in a**  
1741 **reference thereto, subsection (13) of section 212.08, Florida**  
1742 **Statutes, is reenacted to read:**

1743       212.08 Sales, rental, use, consumption, distribution, and  
1744 storage tax; specified exemptions.—The sale at retail, the  
1745 rental, the use, the consumption, the distribution, and the  
1746 storage to be used or consumed in this state of the following  
1747 are hereby specifically exempt from the tax imposed by this  
1748 chapter.

1749       (13) LIMITATIONS ON EXEMPTIONS.—No transactions shall be  
1750 exempt from the tax imposed by this chapter except those  
1751 expressly exempted herein. All laws granting tax exemptions, to  
1752 the extent they may be inconsistent or in conflict with this  
1753 chapter, including, but not limited to, the following designated  
1754 laws, shall yield to and be superseded by the provisions of this  
1755 subsection: ss. 125.019, 153.76, 154.2331, 159.15, 159.31,  
1756 159.50, 159.708, 163.385, 163.395, 215.76, 243.33, 315.11,  
1757 348.65, 348.762, 349.13, 403.1834, 616.07, and 623.09, and the  
1758 following Laws of Florida, acts of the year indicated: s. 31,  
1759 chapter 30843, 1955; s. 19, chapter 30845, 1955; s. 12, chapter  
1760 30927, 1955; s. 8, chapter 31179, 1955; s. 15, chapter 31263,  
1761 1955; s. 13, chapter 31343, 1955; s. 16, chapter 59-1653; s. 13,  
1762 chapter 59-1356; s. 12, chapter 61-2261; s. 19, chapter 61-2754;  
1763 s. 10, chapter 61-2686; s. 11, chapter 63-1643; s. 11, chapter

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1764 65-1274; s. 16, chapter 67-1446; and s. 10, chapter 67-1681.

1765 This subsection does not supersede the authority of a local  
1766 government to adopt financial and local government incentives  
1767 pursuant to s. 163.2517.

1768 **Section 55. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment  
1769 made by this act to section 616.15, Florida Statutes, in a  
1770 reference thereto, section 616.185, Florida Statutes, is  
1771 reenacted to read:**

1772 616.185 Trespass upon grounds or facilities of public  
1773 fair; penalty; arrests.—

1774 (1) For the purposes of this chapter, trespass upon the  
1775 grounds of the Florida State Fair Authority or any other fair  
1776 association permitted under s. 616.15 means:

1777 (a) Entering and remaining upon any grounds or facilities  
1778 owned, operated, or controlled by the Florida State Fair  
1779 Authority or any other association permitted under s. 616.15 and  
1780 committing any act that disrupts the orderly conduct of any  
1781 authorized activity of the fair association in charge, or its  
1782 lessees, licensees, or the general public on those grounds or  
1783 facilities; or

1784 (b) Entering and remaining on those grounds or facilities  
1785 after being directed not to enter or to leave them by the  
1786 executive director of the authority, chief administrative  
1787 officer of the fair association, or any employee or agent of the  
1788 association designated by the executive director or

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1789 administrator to maintain order on those grounds and facilities,  
1790 after a determination by the executive director, administrator,  
1791 employee, or agent that the entering or remaining on those  
1792 grounds or facilities is in violation of the rules and  
1793 regulations of the Florida State Fair Authority or permitted  
1794 fair association or is disrupting the orderly conduct of any  
1795 authorized activity of the fair association in charge, or its  
1796 lessees, licensees, or the general public on those grounds or  
1797 facilities.

1798 (2) Any person committing the offense of trespass upon the  
1799 grounds of the Florida State Fair Authority or any other fair  
1800 association permitted under s. 616.15 commits a misdemeanor of  
1801 the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.  
1802 775.083.

1803 (3) A law enforcement officer may arrest any person on or  
1804 off the premises, without a warrant, if the officer has probable  
1805 cause for believing such person has committed the offense of  
1806 trespass upon the grounds of the Florida State Fair Authority or  
1807 any fair association permitted under s. 616.15. Such an arrest  
1808 does not render the law enforcement officer criminally or  
1809 civilly liable for false arrest, false imprisonment, or unlawful  
1810 detention.

1811 **Section 56.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.  
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Remove lines 3-173 and insert:

Consumer Services; creating s. 125.489, F.S.; defining the terms "gasoline-powered farm equipment" and "gasoline-powered landscape equipment"; prohibiting counties from enacting or enforcing any law that restricts or prohibits the use of gasoline-powered farm equipment or gasoline-powered landscape equipment or that distinguishes such equipment from any other equipment under certain circumstances; providing construction; amending s. 163.3164, F.S.; defining the terms "ecologically significant parcel" and "low-density municipality"; amending s. 163.3202, F.S.; prohibiting an application for a development on an ecologically significant parcel in a low-density municipality from being administratively approved without an attestation provided by the developer; specifying requirements for such attestation; providing applicability; specifying requirements for the attestation included in certain applications; providing for a waiver; creating s. 166.063, F.S.; defining the terms "gasoline-powered farm equipment" and "gasoline-powered landscape equipment"; prohibiting municipalities from enacting or enforcing any law that restricts or prohibits the use of

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1839       gasoline-powered farm equipment or gasoline-powered  
1840       landscape equipment or that distinguishes such  
1841       equipment from any other equipment under certain  
1842       circumstances; providing construction; amending s.  
1843       212.055, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; making a  
1844       technical change; amending s. 253.0341, F.S.;  
1845       requiring the Acquisition and Restoration Council to  
1846       determine whether certain surplused lands are suitable  
1847       for bona fide agricultural purposes; prohibiting a  
1848       local governmental entity from transferring future  
1849       development rights for certain surplused lands  
1850       determined to be suitable for bona fide agricultural  
1851       purposes; requiring the Department of Environmental  
1852       Protection, in coordination with the Department of  
1853       Agriculture and Consumer Services, to determine  
1854       whether specified state-owned conservation lands are  
1855       suitable for bona fide agricultural purposes;  
1856       authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection  
1857       to surplus state-owned lands determined to be suitable  
1858       for bona fide agricultural purposes; requiring the  
1859       Department of Environmental Protection to retain a  
1860       rural-lands-protection easement for such surplused  
1861       lands; requiring that all proceeds from the sale of  
1862       such surplused lands be deposited in the Department of  
1863       Agriculture and Consumer Service's Incidental Trust

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1864 Fund for less than fee simple; requiring the  
1865 Department of Environmental Protection to annually  
1866 provide a report of such surplused lands to the Board  
1867 of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund;  
1868 prohibiting certain lands from being surplused;  
1869 amending s. 259.1053, F.S.; deleting provisions  
1870 relating to the Babcock Ranch Advisory Group; amending  
1871 s. 287.1351, F.S.; revising circumstances under which  
1872 a vendor is prohibited from submitting a bid,  
1873 proposal, or reply to an agency or from entering into  
1874 or renewing any contract to provide goods or services  
1875 to an agency; amending s. 322.12, F.S.; providing  
1876 penalties for an applicant for a commercial driver  
1877 license who receives unauthorized assistance on  
1878 certain portions of the examination; amending s.  
1879 322.36, F.S.; prohibiting a person from knowingly or  
1880 willfully providing unauthorized assistance to an  
1881 applicant for the examination required to hold a  
1882 commercial driver license; repealing ss. 377.71,  
1883 377.711, and 377.712, F.S., relating to definitions  
1884 and the Southern States Energy Compact, Florida as  
1885 party to the Southern States Energy Compact, and  
1886 Florida's participation in the Southern States Energy  
1887 Board, respectively; amending s. 403.0855, F.S.;  
1888 deleting provisions relating to legislative approval

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1889 of certain rules adopted by the Department of  
1890 Environmental Protection; revising requirements for  
1891 permittees of biosolids land application sites;  
1892 deleting an obsolete provision; amending s. 482.071,  
1893 F.S.; requiring certain persons applying for a pest  
1894 control business license or renewal to provide the  
1895 department with a certificate of insurance; specifying  
1896 requirements for such certificate of insurance;  
1897 amending s. 482.161, F.S.; revising the severity of an  
1898 administrative fine for violations of certain  
1899 provisions; amending s. 482.165, F.S.; revising civil  
1900 penalties; amending s. 489.105, F.S.; defining the  
1901 terms "subcontractor" and "supplier"; creating s.  
1902 489.1295, F.S.; prohibiting licensed contractors or  
1903 persons holding themselves out as such from failing to  
1904 pay their subcontractor or supplier within a specified  
1905 timeframe without reasonable cause after receiving  
1906 payment for the services the subcontractor or supplier  
1907 performed; providing penalties; amending s. 500.04,  
1908 F.S.; revising the list of prohibited acts related to  
1909 the prevention of fraud, harm, adulteration,  
1910 misbranding, or false advertising in the preparation,  
1911 production, manufacture, storage, or sale of food;  
1912 repealing s. 500.81, F.S., relating to the Healthy  
1913 Food Financing Initiative; amending s. 500.93, F.S.;

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1914 making a technical change; amending s. 501.013, F.S.;  
1915 authorizing the Department of Agriculture and Consumer  
1916 Services to provide an exemption from certain health  
1917 studio regulations; creating s. 501.062, F.S.;  
1918 providing legislative intent; defining the terms  
1919 "commercial solicitation" and "dwelling"; prohibiting  
1920 a person from engaging in commercial solicitation  
1921 under certain circumstances; providing construction;  
1922 providing penalties; amending s. 570.07, F.S.;  
1923 authorizing the Department of Agriculture and Consumer  
1924 Services to reorganize departmental units upon the  
1925 approval of the Commissioner of Agriculture; amending  
1926 s. 570.822, F.S.; providing additional eligibility  
1927 requirements for the Agriculture and Aquaculture  
1928 Producers Emergency Recovery Loan Program; creating s.  
1929 570.832, F.S.; requiring the Florida Wildflower  
1930 Foundation, in coordination with the Department of  
1931 Agriculture and Consumer Services, to establish the  
1932 Florida Native Seed Research and Marketing Program,  
1933 subject to legislative appropriation; providing the  
1934 purpose of the program; creating s. 570.846, F.S.;  
1935 establishing the Food Animal Veterinary Medicine Loan  
1936 Repayment Program; providing the purpose of the  
1937 program; providing definitions; providing eligibility  
1938 requirements for the program; authorizing the

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1939        Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to  
1940        make loan principal repayments on behalf of eligible  
1941        candidates up to a certain amount for a specified  
1942        timeframe, subject to legislative appropriation;  
1943        providing construction; authorizing the Department of  
1944        Agriculture and Consumer Services to adopt rules;  
1945        amending s. 570.85, F.S.; prohibiting a local  
1946        government from requiring a property owner to obtain a  
1947        rural event venue permit or license; amending s.  
1948        570.86, F.S.; defining "rural event venue"; amending  
1949        s. 583.01, F.S.; revising the definition of the term  
1950        "dealer"; amending s. 590.02, F.S.; revising the  
1951        Florida Forest Service powers, authority, and duties;  
1952        authorizing the Forest Service to manage the Welaka  
1953        Training Center; conforming provisions to changes made  
1954        by the act; authorizing the Withlacoochee or Welaka  
1955        Training Centers to assess certain fees as determined  
1956        by the Florida Forest Service, regardless of where  
1957        certain training occurs; creating s. 595.421, F.S.;  
1958        establishing the Farmers Feeding Florida Program for  
1959        specified purposes; requiring Feeding Florida to take  
1960        certain actions to implement the program; prohibiting  
1961        the food purchased by Feeding Florida through such  
1962        program from re-entering the wholesale, retail, or  
1963        secondary market; prohibiting a candidate for elective

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1964 office from hosting a food distribution event under  
1965 certain circumstances; providing nonapplicability;  
1966 amending s. 597.004, F.S.; prohibiting the Department  
1967 of Agriculture and Consumer Services from renewing a  
1968 certificate of registration for a noncompliant  
1969 facility unless certain documentation is provided with  
1970 the renewal application; prohibiting entities whose  
1971 certificate of registration has been revoked from  
1972 reapplying for a specified period of time; amending s.  
1973 597.010, F.S.; authorizing, rather than requiring, the  
1974 periodic adjustment of the annual rental fee charged  
1975 for certain leases; amending s. 599.012, F.S.; making  
1976 technical changes; amending s. 616.001, F.S.; revising  
1977 and deleting definitions relating to public fairs and  
1978 expositions; amending s. 616.01, F.S.; revising  
1979 application requirements for a proposed charter for an  
1980 association to conduct a public fair or exposition;  
1981 requiring the Department of Agriculture and Consumer  
1982 Services to provide an applicant for a proposed  
1983 charter with specified information upon the denial of  
1984 a proposed charter; revising requirements for  
1985 information that must be included in the proposed  
1986 charter; amending s. 616.02, F.S.; limiting the number  
1987 of incorporated state fair associations per county;  
1988 providing construction; authorizing the Department of

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1989        Agriculture and Consumer Services to waive certain  
1990        requirements at the discretion of the commissioner;  
1991        authorizing fair associations incorporated before a  
1992        certain date to conduct their affairs; deleting  
1993        provisions relating to requirements for a proposed  
1994        charter; amending s. 616.03, F.S.; revising  
1995        requirements for the approval and recordation of the  
1996        charter; amending s. 616.05, F.S.; revising the  
1997        process by which a proposed charter amendment is  
1998        incorporated into the original charter; amending s.  
1999        616.051, F.S.; revising the circumstances under which  
2000        a circuit judge is authorized to dissolve an  
2001        association and order the distribution of its  
2002        remaining assets; requiring that such assets be  
2003        distributed to certain counties; s. 616.07, F.S.;  
2004        deleting provisions relating to distribution of public  
2005        funds after the dissolution of an association;  
2006        amending s. 616.101, F.S.; specifying the basis for  
2007        annual public fair attendance records; requiring a  
2008        fair association to review its charter every 5 years  
2009        and submit an updated copy of the charter to the  
2010        Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services;  
2011        requiring a designated member of the association to  
2012        make an attestation; amending s. 616.15, F.S.;  
2013        revising the information that an applicant must submit

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2014 to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services  
2015 for the department to issue a permit for an  
2016 association to conduct a fair; revising the timeframe  
2017 within which the Department of Agriculture and  
2018 Consumer Services is required to issue the permit upon  
2019 the receipt of specified information; amending s.  
2020 616.251, F.S.; exempting the Florida State Fair  
2021 Authority from specified provisions; amending s.  
2022 843.085, F.S.; prohibiting a person from wearing or  
2023 displaying an item that displays the words "concealed  
2024 weapon permit" or "concealed weapon permit holder"  
2025 with the intent to mislead another to believe that the  
2026 person is authorized to wear or display such item;  
2027 amending s. 624.4032, F.S.; amending a definition;  
2028 amending s.