

CHAPTER 97-26

Senate Bill No. 1104

An act relating to citrus canker; amending s. 602.065, F.S.; revising disposition of funds received from the Federal Government for eradication of citrus canker; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (9) of section 602.065, Florida Statutes, 1996 Supplement, is amended to read:

602.065 Citrus canker claims; procedures.—

(9) The Department of Legal Affairs shall provide representation and assistance to the Office of Citrus Canker Claims and may provide representation to any state agency affected by this act. The Department of Legal Affairs shall also take all necessary and appropriate action determined to be available to ensure that the Federal Government releases to the State of Florida any available funds which reimburse the state the Federal Government's share of the costs arising from the eradication of citrus canker. All funds received by the state from the Federal Government to reimburse the state for its share of the costs arising from the eradication of the citrus canker shall be deposited in the Plant Industry Trust Fund and used only for the eradication of citrus canker. ~~divided and deposited in the following proportions:~~

~~(a) Fifty percent into the General Revenue Fund; and~~

~~(b) Fifty percent into the Citrus Advertising Trust Fund.~~

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor April 24, 1997.

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