

CHAPTER 98-110

Senate Bill No. 1010

An act relating to agriculture; creating s. 570.191, F.S.; creating the Agricultural Emergency Eradication Trust Fund; prescribing its uses; defining what constitutes an "agricultural emergency"; transferring moneys from the Agricultural Emergency Eradication Trust Fund to the Plant Industry Trust Fund for specified purposes; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 570.191, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

570.191 Agricultural Emergency Eradication Trust Fund.—There is created in the office of the commissioner the Agricultural Emergency Eradication Trust Fund. Funds in the trust fund may be made available upon certification by the commissioner that an agricultural emergency exists and that funds specifically appropriated for the emergency's purpose are exhausted or insufficient to eliminate the agricultural emergency. The term "agricultural emergency" means an animal or plant disease, insect infestation, or plant or pest endangering or threatening the horticultural, aquacultural, and agricultural interests in this state.

Section 2. For fiscal year 1998-1999, up to \$10 million collected in the Agricultural Emergency Eradication Trust Fund is hereby transferred to the Plant Industry Trust Fund for the purposes of carrying out any existing or future declared agricultural emergencies.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1998.

Became a law without the Governor's approval May 22, 1998.

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