

Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for  
Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1372

An act relating to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; amending s. 487.041, F.S.; revising the registration requirements for brands of pesticide distributed or sold in the state; providing for expiration on a specified date of requirements for annual registration; providing for future biennial registration; revising the registration fee; requiring that proceeds of the fee be deposited into the General Inspection Trust Fund and used by the department to administer ch. 487, F.S.; providing for a fee to be imposed for late registration; amending ss. 500.03 and 500.147, F.S., relating to the Florida Food Safety Act; updating references for purposes of provisions governing the sale of bottled water and the operation of bottled water plants; redefining the term "food establishment" to include tomato packinghouses; amending s. 502.012, F.S.; revising and clarifying definitions; amending s. 502.014, F.S.; revising the department's rulemaking authority concerning lowfat cottage cheese; conforming terminology; amending s. 502.053, F.S.; revising the permitting requirements for certain milk plants; deleting a provision authorizing the department to issue a temporary permit to milk haulers; amending s. 502.054, F.S.; conforming terminology; amending s. 502.091, F.S.; clarifying provisions governing the sale of milk and milk products; specifying the types of food establishments at which such products may be sold; providing requirements for the sale of cheese made from raw milk; repealing ss. 591.27-591.34, F.S., relating to the designation, marking, and cutting of seed trees; creating the Consumer Fireworks Task Force within the department for certain purposes; providing legislative findings; providing for task force membership and selection of chair and vice-chair; specifying serving without compensation; providing for per diem and travel expenses; requiring the department to staff the task force; requiring a report to the Legislature by a time certain; providing for abolition of the task force; prohibiting the opening or permitting of certain facilities for the retail sale of fireworks or the adoption of certain ordinances or other laws by local governments under specified conditions concerning the adoption of uniform fire prevention and safety standards; amending s. 570.07, F.S.; authorizing personnel within the various divisions of the department to perform regulatory and inspection services relating to agriculture; requiring that the department adopt requirements for enhancing food safety; amending s. 570.48, F.S.; authorizing the Division of Fruit and Vegetables to perform food safety inspections with respect to tomatoes; amending s. 570.481, F.S.; requiring that fees collected by the department to cover the costs of tomato-related inspections be deposited into the General Inspection Trust Fund and used for specified purposes; authorizing the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to conduct research projects on citrus diseases which are recommended by the Florida Citrus Production Research Advisory Council, within appropriations for such purpose; designating the E. H.

“Gene” Downs Building in Palatka; authorizing the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to erect suitable markers; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Present subsections (1), (2), (3), and (8) and paragraphs (b) and (d) of subsection (4) of section 487.041, Florida Statutes, are amended, and a new subsection (1) is added to that section, to read:

487.041 Registration.—

(1)(a) Each brand of pesticide, as defined in s. 487.021, that is distributed, sold, or offered for sale, except as provided in this subsection, within this state or delivered for transportation or transported in intrastate commerce or between points within this state through any point outside this state must be registered in the office of the department, and such registration shall be renewed annually. Emergency exemptions from registration may be authorized in accordance with the rules of the department. The registrant shall file with the department a statement including:

1. The name, business mailing address, and street address of the registrant.

2. The name of the brand of pesticide.

3. An ingredient statement and a complete copy of the labeling accompanying the brand of the pesticide, which must conform to the registration, and a statement of all claims to be made for it, including directions for use and a guaranteed analysis showing the names and percentages by weight of each active ingredient, the total percentage of inert ingredients, and the names and percentages by weight of each “added ingredient.”

(b) For the purpose of defraying expenses of the department in connection with carrying out the provisions of this part, each person shall pay an annual registration fee of \$250 for each registered brand of pesticide. The annual registration fee for each special local need label and experimental use permit is \$100. All registrations expire on December 31 of each year. If the renewal of a brand of pesticide, including the special local need label and experimental use permit, is not filed by January 31 of the renewal year, an additional fee of \$25 per brand of pesticide shall be assessed per month and added to the original fee. This additional fee may not exceed \$250 per brand of pesticide. The additional fee must be paid by the registrant before the renewal certificate for the registration of the brand of pesticide is issued.

(c) This subsection does not apply to distributors or retail dealers selling brands of pesticide if such brands of pesticide are registered by another person.

(d) This subsection expires at midnight, December 31, 2008.

(2)(a)(1) Effective January 1, 2009, each brand of Every pesticide, as defined in s. 487.021, which is distributed, sold, or offered for sale, except

as provided in this section, within this state or delivered for transportation or transported in intrastate commerce or between points within this state through any point outside this state ~~must shall~~ be registered in the office of the department, and such registration shall be renewed biennially ~~annually~~. Emergency exemptions from registration may be authorized in accordance with the rules of the department. The registrant shall file with the department a statement including:

1.(a) The name, business mailing address, and street address of the registrant.

2.(b) The name of the brand of pesticide.

3.(c) An ingredient statement and a complete copy of the labeling accompanying the brand of the pesticide, which ~~must shall~~ conform to the registration, and a statement of all claims to be made for it, including directions for use and a guaranteed analysis showing the names and percentages by weight of each active ingredient, the total percentage of inert ingredients, and the names and percentages by weight of each "added ingredient."

(b)(2) Effective January 1, 2009, for the purpose of defraying expenses of the department in connection with carrying out the provisions of this part, each person shall pay a biennial ~~an annual~~ registration fee of \$250 for each registered brand of pesticide. The registration of each brand of pesticide shall cover a designated 2-year period beginning on January 1 of each odd-numbered year and expiring on December 31 of the following year. ~~The annual registration fee for each special local need label and experimental use permit shall be \$100. All registrations expire on December 31 of each year. Nothing in this section shall be construed as applying to distributors or retail dealers selling pesticides when such pesticides are registered by another person.~~

(c) Each registration issued by the department to a registrant for a period beginning in an odd-numbered year shall be assessed a fee of \$500 per brand of pesticide and a fee of \$200 for each special local need label and experimental use permit, and the registration shall expire on December 31 of the following year. Each registration issued by the department to a registrant for a period beginning in an even-numbered year shall be assessed a fee of \$250 per brand of pesticide and fee of \$100 for each special local need label and experimental use permit, and the registration shall expire on December 31 of that year.

(d) All revenues collected, less those costs determined by the department to be nonrecurring or one-time costs, shall be deferred over the 2-year registration period, deposited in the General Inspection Trust Fund, and used by the department in carrying out the provisions of this chapter.

(e) If the renewal of a brand of pesticide, including the special local need label and experimental use permit, is not filed by January 31 of the renewal year, an additional fee of \$25 per brand of pesticide shall be assessed per month and added to the original fee. This additional fee may not exceed \$250 per brand of pesticide. The additional fee must be paid by the registrant before the renewal certificate for the registration of the brand of pesticide

is issued. The additional fee shall be deposited into the General Inspection Trust Fund.

(f) This subsection does not apply to distributors or retail dealers selling brands of pesticide if such brands of pesticide are registered by another person.

(3) The department shall adopt rules governing the procedures for the registration of a brand of pesticide ~~registration~~ and for the review of data submitted by an applicant for registration of the brand of a pesticide. The department shall determine whether the brand of a pesticide should be registered, registered with conditions, or tested under field conditions in this state. The department shall determine ~~whether each request that all requests for registration of a brand of pesticide meets~~ registrations meet the requirements of current state and federal law. The department, whenever it deems it necessary in the administration of this part, may require the manufacturer or registrant to submit the complete formula, quantities shipped into or manufactured in the state for distribution and sale, evidence of the efficacy and the safety of any pesticide, and other relevant data. The department may review and evaluate a registered pesticide if new information is made available that which indicates that use of the pesticide has caused an unreasonable adverse effect on public health or the environment. Such review shall be conducted upon the request of the Secretary of ~~the Department~~ of Health in the event of an unreasonable adverse effect on public health or the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection in the event of an unreasonable adverse effect on the environment. Such review may result in modifications, revocation, cancellation, or suspension of the registration of a brand of pesticide ~~registration~~. The department, for reasons of adulteration, misbranding, or other good cause, may refuse or revoke the registration of the brand of any pesticide, after notice to the applicant or registrant giving the reason for the decision. The applicant may then request a hearing, pursuant to chapter 120, on the intention of the department to refuse or revoke registration, and, upon his or her failure to do so, the refusal or revocation shall become final without further procedure. The In no event shall registration of a brand of pesticide may not be construed as a defense for the commission of any offense prohibited under this part.

(4) The department, in addition to its other duties under this section, has the power to:

(b) Formally request the United States Environmental Protection Agency to require registrants of pesticides to provide the department with environmental test data generated in this state or generated by simulating environmental conditions in this state.

(d) Require a registrant who discontinues the distribution of a brand of pesticide in this state to continue the registration of the brand of the pesticide for a minimum of 2 years or until no more remains on retailers' retailer's shelves if or 2 years after written notice to the department of date of discontinuance; ~~provided~~ such continued registration or sale is not specifically prohibited by the department or the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

(8) ~~Nothing in~~ This section does not affect ~~affects~~ the authority of the department to administer the pesticide registration program under this part or the authority of the Commissioner of Agriculture to approve the registration of a brand of pesticide.

Section 2. Paragraphs (d) and (n) of subsection (1) of section 500.03, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

500.03 Definitions; construction; applicability.—

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

(d) “Bottled water” means a beverage, as described in 21 C.F.R. part 165 ~~(2006)(1996)~~, that is processed in compliance with 21 C.F.R. part 129 ~~(2006)(1996)~~.

(n) “Food establishment” means any factory, food outlet, or any other facility manufacturing, processing, packing, holding, or preparing food, or selling food at wholesale or retail. The term does not include any business or activity that is regulated under chapter 509 or chapter 601. The term includes tomato packinghouses but ~~also~~ does not include any other establishments that pack fruits and vegetables in their raw or natural states, including those fruits or vegetables that are washed, colored, or otherwise treated in their unpeeled, natural form before they are marketed.

Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 500.147, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

500.147 Inspection of food establishments and vehicles; food safety pilot program.—

(3) For bottled water plants:

(a) Bottled water must be from an approved source. Bottled water must be processed in conformance with 21 C.F.R. part 129 ~~(2006)(1996)~~, and must conform to 21 C.F.R. part 165 ~~(2006)(1996)~~. A person operating a bottled water plant shall be responsible for all water sampling and analyses required by this chapter.

Section 4. Section 502.012, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

502.012 Definitions.—The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and enforcement of this law:

(1) “Bulk milk pickup tanker” means a vehicle, including the truck and tank, and necessary attachments, used by a milk hauler to transport bulk raw milk for pasteurization from a dairy farm to a milk plant, receiving station, or transfer station.

(2) “Dairy farm” means any place or premises where one or more cows, ~~or goats,~~ sheep, water buffalo, or other hooved mammals are kept, and from which a part or all of the milk is provided, sold, or offered for sale ~~to a milk plant, receiving station, or transfer station.~~

(3) “Department” means the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

~~(4)~~<sup>(15)</sup> “Grade ‘A’ pasteurized milk ordinance” means the document entitled “Grade ‘A’ Pasteurized Milk Ordinance, United States Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Food and Drug Administration Publication No. 229,” including all associated appendices, as adopted by department rule.

~~(5)~~<sup>(4)</sup> “Imitation milk and imitation milk products” means those foods that have the physical characteristics, such as taste, flavor, body, texture, or appearance, of milk or milk products as defined in this chapter and the Grade “A” pasteurized milk ordinance, but do not come within the definition definitions of “milk” or “milk products,” and are nutritionally inferior to the product imitated.

~~(6)~~<sup>(5)</sup> “Milk” means the lacteal secretion, practically free from colostrum, obtained by the complete milking of one or more healthy cows, ~~or~~ goats, sheep, water buffalo, or other hooved mammals.

~~(7)~~<sup>(6)</sup> “Milk distributor” means any person who offers for sale or sells to another person any milk or milk product.

~~(8)~~<sup>(7)</sup> “Milk products” means products made with milk that is processed in some manner, including being whipped, acidified, cultured, concentrated, lactose-reduced, or sodium-reduced or aseptically processed, or having the addition or subtraction of milkfat, the addition of safe and suitable microbial organisms, or the addition of safe and suitable optional ingredients for protein, vitamin, or mineral fortification. “Milk products” do not include products such as evaporated milk, condensed milk, eggnog in a rigid metal container, dietary products, infant formula, or ice cream and other desserts, dry milk products, canned eggnog in a rigid metal container, butter, or cheese, except when the products are combined with other substances to produce any pasteurized or aseptically processed milk product.

~~(9)~~<sup>(8)</sup> “Milkfat” or “butterfat” means the fat contained in milk.

~~(10)~~<sup>(9)</sup> “Milk hauler” means any person who transports raw milk or raw milk products to or from a milk plant, receiving station, or transfer station.

~~(11)~~<sup>(10)</sup> “Milk plant” means any place, premises, or establishment where milk or milk products are collected, handled, processed, stored, pasteurized, aseptically processed, bottled, or prepared for distribution.

~~(12)~~<sup>(11)</sup> “Milk plant operator” means any person responsible for receiving, processing, pasteurizing, or packaging milk and milk products, or performing any other related operation.

~~(13)~~<sup>(12)</sup> “Milk producer” means any person who operates a dairy farm and provides, sells, or offers for sale milk to a milk plant, receiving station, or transfer station.

~~(14)~~<sup>(13)</sup> “Milk tank truck” means either a bulk milk pickup tanker or a milk transport tank.

(15)(14) “Milk transport tank” means a vehicle, including the truck and tank, used by a milk hauler to transport bulk shipments of milk from a milk plant, receiving station, or transfer station to another milk plant, receiving station, or transfer station.

(16) “Raw milk” means unprocessed milk.

(17) “Receiving station” means any place, premises, or establishment where raw milk is received, collected, handled, stored, or cooled and is prepared for further transporting.

(18) “Substitute milk and substitute milk products” means those foods that have the physical characteristics, such as taste, flavor, body, texture, or appearance, of milk or milk products as defined in this chapter and the Grade “A” pasteurized milk ordinance, but do not come within the definition definitions of “milk” or “milk products,” and are nutritionally equivalent to the product for which they are substitutes.

(19) “Transfer station” means any place, premises, or establishment where milk or milk products are transferred directly from one milk tank truck to another.

(20) “Washing station” means any place, premises, or establishment where milk tank trucks are cleaned and sanitized.

Section 5. Subsections (4) and (6) of section 502.014, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

502.014 Powers and duties.—

(4) The department shall define by rule “cottage cheese,” and “dry-curd cottage cheese,” ~~and “lowfat cottage cheese.”~~ The department shall periodically update these definitions to maintain conformity with the federal definitions.

(6) The department has authority to adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement and enforce the provisions of this chapter. In adopting these rules, the department shall be guided by and may conform to the definitions and standards of the administrative procedures and provisions of the Grade “A” pasteurized milk ordinance. The rules shall include, but are not limited to:

(a) Standards for milk and milk products.

(b) Provisions for the production, transportation, processing, handling, sampling, examination, grading, labeling, and sale of all milk and milk products and imitation and substitute milk and milk products sold for public consumption in this state.

(c) Provisions for the inspection of dairy herds, dairy farms, and milk plants.

(d) Provisions for the issuance and revocation of permits issued by the department pursuant to this chapter.

Section 6. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1), subsection (2), and paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 502.053, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

502.053 Permits; requirements; exemptions; temporary permits.—

(1) PERMITS.—

(a) Each Grade A milk plant, whether located in the state or outside the state, and each manufacturing milk plant, milk producer, milk hauler, milk hauling service, washing station operator, milk plant operator, milk distributor, single-service-container manufacturer, receiving station, and transfer station in the state, shall apply to the department for a permit to operate. The application shall be on forms developed by the department.

(2) REQUIREMENTS.—

(a) To obtain a permit, an applicant must satisfy all requirements that are defined by the department in rule and must agree to comply with the applicable provisions of this chapter and rules adopted ~~promulgated~~ under this chapter.

(b) All permit holders must maintain records of transactions concerning the procurement, production, and processing of milk and milk products as required in the Grade “A” pasteurized milk ordinance and grant department inspectors access to such records during all reasonable hours.

(c) In addition to the testing required in the Grade “A” pasteurized milk ordinance and its appendices, each milk plant operator in the state shall be responsible for routine testing and inspection of raw milk shipped from outside the state prior to processing and shall notify the department when such testing and inspection indicate ~~indicates~~ a violation of the standards contained in the Grade “A” pasteurized milk ordinance.

(4) TEMPORARY PERMITS.—

(a) The department may issue a temporary permit for a period not exceeding 90 days to milk producers ~~and milk haulers~~ who have submitted an application to the department and passed a preliminary inspection as required in the Grade “A” pasteurized milk ordinance.

Section 7. Section 502.054, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

502.054 Inspection and reinspection.—The department shall establish a schedule for inspections which shall require routine inspections in accordance with the minimum requirements contained in the Grade “A” pasteurized milk ordinance and more frequent inspections or reinspections for permit holders with serious or repeated violations.

Section 8. Subsection (1) of section 502.091, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

502.091 Milk and milk products which may be sold.—



(1) Only Grade A pasteurized milk and milk products, pasteurized manufactured milk products, and cheese made from pasteurized milk shall be sold at retail to the final consumer or to food service establishments as defined in chapter 381, food establishments as defined in chapter 500, or public food service establishments as defined in chapter 509 restaurants, soda fountains, grocery stores, or similar establishments. Cheese made from raw milk may also be sold at retail to the final consumer or to food service establishments as defined in chapter 381, food establishments as defined in chapter 500, or public food service establishments as defined in chapter 509 if the cheese is aged more than 60 days at a temperature above 35° F.

(a) In an emergency, however, the department may authorize the sale of reconstituted pasteurized milk products, or pasteurized milk and milk products that have not been graded or the grade of which ~~that~~ is unknown, in which case such milk and milk products shall be appropriately labeled, as determined by the department.

(b) If the department determines that milk is fit for human consumption even though it is less than Grade A because the producer failed to comply with the sanitation or bacterial standards defined in this chapter, or if any specific shipment of milk fails to comply with standards of the Grade "A" pasteurized milk ordinance, the department may issue a permit allowing the milk to be used in ungraded products, such as frozen desserts, which are being processed by such milk plant. During processing of such milk, it shall be pasteurized at a temperature of at least 175° F. for at least 15 seconds or at least 160° F. for at least 30 minutes.

Section 9. Sections 591.27, 591.28, 591.29, 591.30, 591.31, 591.32, 591.33, and 591.34, Florida Statutes, are repealed.

Section 10. Consumer Fireworks Task Force.—

(1) The Legislature finds that:

(a) The state regulation of consumer fireworks in Florida provides an insufficient definition of consumer fireworks and related products used by consumers;

(b) There is a need for better training and education concerning the safe use of consumer fireworks;

(c) There should be a mechanism to help local governments fund the clean up following the use of consumer fireworks on public property;

(d) Local government regulation of the agricultural uses authorized by s. 791.07, Florida Statutes, may be inconsistent with legitimate agricultural purposes;

(e) There is a need for consumer education relating to safety standards in the use of consumer fireworks;

(f) There is a need for standards concerning tents and other temporary retail facilities selling consumer fireworks; and

(g) The state would benefit from additional funding for the training and education of fire officials.

(2)(a) The Consumer Fireworks Task Force is created within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for the purpose of studying issues concerning the proper use of consumer fireworks, the regulation of sales and temporary sale facilities for consumer fireworks, the regulation of the hours and location of the use of consumer fireworks, the property zoning classifications for sale facilities for consumer fireworks, the funding options for fire official training and education, and funding options for cleanup of expended consumer fireworks products.

(b)1. The task force shall consist of eight members appointed as follows: two members appointed by the President of the Senate, one of whom must be from a list of nominees recommended by the Florida League of Cities and one of whom must be a representative of the industry; two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom must be from a list of nominees recommended by the Florida Association of Counties and one of whom must be a representative of the industry; three members appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture, one of whom must be a representative of the Division of Forestry of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and one of whom must be a representative of the industry; and one member appointed by the Chief Financial Officer.

2. Members shall choose a chair and vice chair from the membership of the task force.

3. Members shall serve without compensation, except that members are entitled to reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses, pursuant to s. 112.061, Florida Statutes, incurred in the performance of their duties.

(3) Staffing for the task force shall be provided by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

(4) The task force shall review and evaluate the issues identified in paragraph (2)(a) and take public input and testimony concerning the issues. A report of the recommendations and findings of the task force shall be submitted to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by January 15, 2008, and the task force shall be abolished upon the transmittal of the report.

(5) Pending completion of the Legislature's review of the task force's report and to ensure that fire prevention and safety standards are uniform, a new permanent retail sales facility engaged in sales otherwise permitted under s. 791.07, Florida Statutes, may not be opened in this state after March 8, 2007, unless the permanent retail sales facility has received site-plan approval and construction has begun on or before March 8, 2007; the number of permits for temporary retail sales facilities, such as tents, engaged in sales otherwise permitted by s. 791.07, Florida Statutes, which are issued after March 8, 2007, by a county, municipality, or other unit of local government may not exceed the number of permits that such governmental entity issued for such facilities during the previous calendar year; and a

municipality, county, or other unit of local government may not adopt an ordinance, rule, regulation, or other law after March 8, 2007, which directly prohibits or directly interferes with the safety standards established by state law or the right to purchase, sell, use, or possess consumer fireworks in this state. However, if the Legislature enacts legislation to provide for the comprehensive regulation of fire prevention and safety standards for the use of consumer fireworks to replace this subsection on or before July 1, 2008, this subsection does not prohibit opening any such facility, permitting any such temporary facility, or adopting any such ordinance or other law after such legislation is enacted.

Section 11. Paragraph (e) is added to subsection (2) of section 570.07, Florida Statutes, and subsection (6) of that section is amended, to read:

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

(2) To perform all regulatory and inspection services relating to agriculture except agricultural education, demonstration, research, and those regulatory functions assigned by law to other state agencies. In doing this, the department may:

(e) Except as expressly prohibited by law, use any of the trained personnel in the various divisions of the department in performing the regulatory and inspection services relating to agriculture.

(6) To foster and encourage the standardizing, grading, inspection, labeling, handling, storage, and marketing of agricultural products; to enhance the food safety of tomatoes and, after investigation and public hearings, to cooperate with the United States Department of Agriculture, to establish and promulgate standard grades and other standard classifications of and for agricultural products; and to establish and adopt requirements for enhancing food safety, in cooperation with appropriate agencies.

Section 12. Present paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section 570.48, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (f), and a new paragraph (e) is added to that subsection, to read:

570.48 Division of Fruit and Vegetables; powers and duties; records.—The duties of the Division of Fruit and Vegetables include, but are not limited to:

(2)

(e) Performing tomato food safety inspections on tomato farms, in tomato greenhouses, and in tomato packinghouses and repackers.

Section 13. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 570.481, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

570.481 Fruit and vegetable inspection fees; penalty.—

(1)(a) Each person receiving inspection services pursuant to s. 570.48 shall pay to the department an inspection fee. This fee shall cover the cost of providing the inspection service and shall be set annually by the department by rule.

(b) All fees collected by the department to cover the cost of providing the inspection service for farms or greenhouses growing tomatoes or for tomato packinghouses and repackers shall be deposited into the General Inspection Trust Fund and shall be used for tomato-related inspections, education, and research.

(2) All fees collected by the department under this section shall be deposited into the Citrus Inspection Trust Fund, except that fees collected pursuant to paragraph (1)(b) and s. 570.48(4) shall be deposited in the General Inspection Trust Fund.

Section 14. The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall conduct or cause to be conducted those research projects on citrus diseases, including, but not limited to, citrus canker and citrus greening, which are recommended by the Florida Citrus Production Research Advisory Council, within the limits of appropriations made specifically for such purpose.

Section 15. E. H. "Gene" Downs Building designated; Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to erect suitable markers.—

(1) The Unit No. 2 Packing House Building at the Palatka State Farmers' Market is designated as the "E. H. 'Gene' Downs Building."

(2) The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services may erect suitable markers designating the E. H. "Gene" Downs Building as described in subsection (1).

Section 16. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

Approved by the Governor May 24, 2007.

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