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An act relating to agritourism; providing legislative intent to eliminate duplication of regulatory authority over agritourism; prohibiting a local government from prohibiting, restricting, regulating, or otherwise limiting an activity of agritourism; providing an exception; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Limitation of duplication of government regulation.—It is the intent of the Legislature to eliminate duplication of regulatory authority over agritourism as expressed in this section. Except as otherwise provided for in this section and notwithstanding any other provision of law, a local government may not adopt any ordinance, regulation, rule, or policy to prohibit, restrict, regulate, or otherwise limit an activity of a bona fide agritourism operation on land classified as agricultural land pursuant to s. 193.461, Florida Statutes. This section does not limit the powers and duties of any local government to address an emergency as provided for in chapter 252, Florida Statutes.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.