The Committee on Appropriations (Grimsley) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment to Amendment (350294) (with title amendment)**

Between lines 26 and 27

insert:

Section 2. Section 316.565, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.565 Emergency transportation, agricultural products, perishable food; establishment of weight loads, etc.—

(1) The Governor may declare an emergency to exist when
there is a breakdown in the normal public transportation facilities necessary in moving agricultural products, as defined in s. 604.60, perishable food crops grown in the state. The Department of Transportation is authorized during such emergency to establish such weight loads for hauling over the highways from the fields or packinghouses to the nearest available public transportation facility as circumstances demand. The Department of Transportation may issue, and any law enforcement officer authorized to enforce the traffic laws of this state may accept, electronic verification of permits during such an emergency. A permit issued pursuant to this section is valid for up to 60 days; however, the validity of the permit may not exceed the period of the declared state of emergency or any extension thereof. The Department of Transportation shall designate special highway routes, excluding the interstate highway system, to facilitate the trucking and render any other assistance needed to expedite moving the agricultural products perishables.

(2) It is the intent of the Legislature in this chapter to supersede any existing laws when necessary to protect and save any agricultural products perishable food crops grown in the state and give authority for agencies to provide necessary temporary assistance requested during any such emergency. The department shall consult with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and stakeholders in the agricultural industry in implementing this section.

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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete line 2726
and insert:

structures used in citrus production; amending s. 316.565, F.S.; revising the Governor’s authority, to include agricultural products instead of only perishable food, in declaring an emergency relating to the transport of such products when there is a breakdown in the normal public transportation facilities necessary to move such products; authorizing the Department of Transportation to issue, and specified law enforcement officers to accept, electronic verification of permits during a declared state of emergency; providing that such permits are valid for up to a specified period of time, but no longer than the duration of the declared state of emergency or any extension thereof; requiring the Department of Transportation to consult with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and stakeholders in the agricultural industry in implementing emergency transportation assistance for agricultural products; amending s.