Bill No. CS for SB 1922, 1st Eng. Amendment No. ____ Barcode 472586 CHAMBER ACTION Senate House 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Senator Geller moved the following amendment: 11 12 13 Senate Amendment (with title amendment) On page 58, between lines 16 and 17, 14 15 16 insert: 17 Section 59. (1) The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall provide compensation to eligible 18 19 homeowners whose citrus trees have been removed under a citrus 20 canker eradication program. Funds to pay this compensation may be derived from both state and federal matching sources, and 21 22 shall be specifically appropriated by law. Eligible homeowners shall be compensated subject to the availability of 23 24 appropriated funds. 25 (2) To be eligible to receive compensation under the 26 program, a homeowner must: 27 (a) Be the homeowner of record on the effective date of this act for residential property where one or more citrus 28 29 trees have been removed as part of a citrus canker eradication 30 program; 31 (b) Have had one or more citrus trees removed from the 1 6:17 PM 04/30/01 s1922.ag29.oo

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property by a tree-cutting contractor as part of a citrus 1 2 canker eradication program on or after January 1, 1995; and (c) Have received no commercial compensation and is 3 4 not eligible to receive commercial compensation from the United States Department of Agriculture for citrus trees 5 6 removed as part of a citrus canker eradication program. 7 (3) The amount of compensation for each tree removed from residential property by the citrus canker eradication 8 program shall be \$100 per tree. If the homeowner's property is 9 10 eligible for a Shade Dade or a Shade Florida Card, the 11 homeowner may not receive compensation under this section for 12 the first citrus tree removed from the property as part of a 13 citrus canker eradication program. (4) The specification of a per-tree amount paid for 14 15 the residential citrus canker compensation program does not 16 limit the amount of any other compensation that may be paid by 17 another entity or pursuant to court order for the removal of 18 citrus trees as part of a citrus canker eradication program. (5) Of the funds appropriated to the department under 19 this section, the department may use up to \$500,000 to 20 21 administer the residential citrus canker compensation program. Specifically, the department shall: 22 (a) Take reasonable steps to identify and notify 23 24 owners of citrus trees removed as part of a citrus canker 25 eradication program of the availability of the compensation 26 program. 27 (b) Notify homeowners of the manner in which the owner 28 may request funding. 29 (c) Develop a compensation request form and make it 30 available to eligible homeowners. 31 (d) Develop a process to resolve disputes relating to 2 6:17 PM 04/30/01 s1922.aq29.oo

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1 compensation. The department's decision is final and is not subject to chapter 120, Florida Statutes. 2 3 4 (Redesignate subsequent sections.) 5 6 7 And the title is amended as follows: 8 9 On page 5, line 26, after the word "severability; 10 insert : 11 12 requiring the Department of Agriculture and 13 Consumer Services to administer a residential 14 citrus canker compensation program; providing 15 for sources of funds; providing for homeowners to receive compensation for citrus trees 16 17 removed on or after a specified date as part of a citrus canker eradication program; providing 18 19 eligibility criteria for receiving 20 compensation; specifying the amount of 21 compensation provided under the program, subject to availability of funds; requiring 22 23 that the department notify homeowners of the 24 program and develop a dispute-resolution 25 process; 26 27 28 29 30 31

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