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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

The Committee on Appropriations (Grimsley) recommended the following:

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

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4 Between lines 26 and 27
5 insert:

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

8 316.565 Emergency transportation, agricultural products
9 ~~perishable food~~; establishment of weight loads, etc.—

10 (1) The Governor may declare an emergency to exist when



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11 there is a breakdown in the normal public transportation
12 facilities necessary in moving agricultural products, as defined
13 in s. 604.60, ~~perishable food crops~~ grown in the state. The
14 Department of Transportation is authorized during such emergency
15 to establish such weight loads for hauling over the highways
16 ~~from the fields or packinghouses to the nearest available public~~
17 ~~transportation facility~~ as circumstances demand. The Department
18 of Transportation may issue, and any law enforcement officer
19 authorized to enforce the traffic laws of this state must
20 accept, electronic verification of permits during such an
21 emergency. A permit issued pursuant to this section is valid for
22 up to 60 days; however, the validity of the permit may not
23 exceed the period of the declared state of emergency or any
24 extension thereof. The Department of Transportation shall
25 designate special highway routes, excluding the interstate
26 highway system, to facilitate the trucking and render any other
27 assistance needed to expedite moving the agricultural products
28 ~~perishables.~~

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

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38 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

39 And the title is amended as follows:



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40 Delete line 2726
41 and insert:
42 structures used in citrus production; amending s.
43 316.565, F.S.; revising the Governor's authority, to
44 include agricultural products instead of only
45 perishable food, in declaring an emergency relating to
46 the transport of such products when there is a
47 breakdown in the normal public transportation
48 facilities necessary to move such products;
49 authorizing the Department of Transportation to issue,
50 and specifying that certain law enforcement officers
51 must accept, electronic verification of permits during
52 a declared state of emergency; providing that such
53 permits are valid for up to a specified period, but no
54 longer than the duration of the declared state of
55 emergency or any extension thereof; requiring the
56 Department of Transportation to consult with the
57 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and
58 stakeholders in the agricultural industry in
59 implementing emergency transportation assistance for
60 agricultural products; amending s.