By Senator Rouson

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to urban agriculture pilot projects; amending s. 604.73, F.S.; redefining the term "urban agriculture" to include new commercial agricultural uses; reenacting ss. 604.40(2) and 604.50(2)(e), F.S., relating to farm equipment used in urban agriculture and nonresidential farm buildings, farm fences, and farm signs, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 604.73, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 604.73, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

16 604.73 Urban agriculture pilot projects; local regulation of urban agriculture.—

- (3) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:
- (b) "Urban agriculture" means any new or existing noncommercial or new commercial agricultural uses on land that is:
- 1. Within a dense urban land area, as described in s. 380.0651(3)(a);
  - 2. Not classified as agricultural pursuant to s. 193.461;
  - 3. Not zoned as agricultural as its principal use; and
- 4. Designated by a municipality for inclusion in an urban agricultural pilot project that has been approved by the department.

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The term does not include vegetable gardens, as defined in s. 604.71(4), for personal consumption on residential properties.

Section 2. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 604.73, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, subsection (2) of section 604.40, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

604.40 Farm equipment.—

(2) This section does not apply to farm equipment that is used in urban agriculture, as defined in s. 604.73(3).

Section 3. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 604.73, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section 604.50, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

- 604.50 Nonresidential farm buildings; farm fences; farm signs.—
  - (2) As used in this section, the term:
- (e) "Urban agriculture" has the same meaning as in s. 604.73(3).
  - Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.