

SENATE BILL SUMMARY

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SB 1638 Pest Control Compact by the Committee on Agriculture

Provides for enactment of the Pest Control Compact into law and authorizes entry into such compact with other jurisdictions. Provides findings with respect to the need for all states to cooperate in pest-eradication and control programs. Designates the Commissioner of Agriculture as the compact administrator for Florida.

Establishes the Pest Control Insurance Fund for the purpose of financing other than normal pest-control operations that states may be called upon to engage in pursuant to this compact. Provides for administration of the Insurance Fund by a Governing Board and Executive Committee. Authorizes the Insurance Fund to borrow, accept or contract for the services of personnel from any state, the United States, or any other governmental agency, or from any person, firm, association, or corporation.

Provides for a compact administrator in each party state who shall assist in the coordination of activities pursuant to the compact in his or her state, and who shall represent his or her state on the Governing Board of the Insurance Fund. Specifies that each party state pledges to each other party state that it will employ its best efforts to eradicate, or control within the strictest practical limits, any and all pests.

Authorizes a party state to make an application for assistance from the Insurance Fund with respect to a pest in a nonparty state. Authorizes the Governing Board or Executive Committee to allow expenditures from the Insurance Fund to be made in a nonparty state only after determining that the conditions in such state and the value of such expenditures to the party states as a whole justify them.

Provides that this compact shall enter into force when enacted into law by any five or more states. Provides for withdrawal from this compact by enacting a statute repealing the same, but no such withdrawal shall take effect until 2 years after the executive head of the withdrawing state has given written notice of the withdrawal to the executive heads of all other party states. (See bill for details)