

THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE



May 6, 2009

The Honorable Jeff Atwater
President of the Senate

The Honorable Larry Cretul
Speaker, House of Representatives

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

Your Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on CS/SB 1744, same being:

An act relating to the Department of Agriculture and
Consumer Services

having met, and after full and free conference, do recommend to their respective houses as follows:

1. That the House of Representatives recede from its Amendment 1.
2. That the Senate and House of Representatives adopt the Conference Committee Amendment attached hereto, and by reference made a part of this report.

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SUMMARY OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ACTION

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The Conference Committee Amendment for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1744, relating to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, transfers all powers, duties, and functions related to the licensure and regulation of Professional Surveyors and Mappers from the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. The bill requires an annual permit for commercially operated weights and measure instruments currently regulated by the department. The bill establishes a supplemental fee schedule regarding the registration of brands of pesticides for which a food standard is established. The bill revises specialty fertilizer brand registration fees and seed dealer registration fees. The bill removes the requirement that all administrative fine revenue from pest control violators be directed to support contract research and education in pest control, and makes such expenditures optional. Finally, the bill amends the distribution of the gross receipts from transactions relating to state forests. Fifteen percent of the receipts will be distributed only to fiscally constrained counties to be used for school purposes.