

By the Committee on Agriculture

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to the Department of Agriculture and
3 Consumer Services; requiring that the department and
4 representatives of the state pest control industry
5 prepare a report for the President of the Senate, the
6 Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the
7 chairpersons of specified legislative committees by a
8 certain date; requiring that the report include
9 recommendations for changes in the law to provide for
10 disciplinary action against licensees of the pest
11 control industry under certain circumstances;
12 providing that the report may also address additional
13 issues of concern to members of the industry;
14 providing an effective date.

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

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18 Section 1. The Department of Agriculture and Consumer
19 Services shall meet with duly authorized representatives of
20 established organizations representing the Florida pest control
21 industry and prepare a report that shall be submitted to the
22 President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
23 Representatives, the chairperson of the Senate Committee on
24 Agriculture, and the chairperson of the House Committee on
25 Agribusiness by January 1, 2011. The report shall include
26 recommended amendments to chapter 482, Florida Statutes, which
27 provide for disciplinary action to be taken against licensees
28 who violate laws or rules pertaining to the pretreatment of soil
29 to protect newly constructed homes, pest control at sensitive

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30 facilities such as schools and nursing homes, and also the
31 fumigation of existing homes for protection against termite
32 damage, thereby providing additional safeguards for consumers.
33 The report may also address other issues of concern to the
34 department and to members of the industry, such as changes to
35 requirements for professional liability insurance coverage or
36 the amount of bond required, duties and responsibilities of a
37 certified operator, issuance of a centralized pest control
38 service center license, and limited certification for commercial
39 wildlife management personnel.

40 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.