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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to limited certification for urban
landscape commercial fertilizer application; amending
s. 482.1562, F.S.; providing legislative findings;
providing an exemption from certain local government
ordinances; requiring the Department of Agriculture
and Consumer Services to provide specified information
to other local and state governmental agencies;
providing the department with certain enforcement
authority; providing a requirement for related
penalties, fines, and administrative actions;
providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsections (1) through (10) of section
482.1562, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (2)
through (11), respectively, a new subsection (1) is added to
that section, and present subsections (2), (8), and (10) of that
section are amended, to read:

482.1562 Limited certification for urban landscape
commercial fertilizer application.—

(1) The Legislature finds that the implementation of best
management practices for commercial fertilizer application to
urban landscapes is a critical component of the state's efforts
to minimize potential impacts to water quality.

(3)~~(2)~~ Beginning January 1, 2014, any person applying
commercial fertilizer to an urban landscape must be certified

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29 under this section. A person certified under this section is
30 exempt from local government ordinances that address the
31 fertilization of urban turfs, lawns, and landscapes.

32 ~~(9)-(8)~~ The department shall ~~may~~ provide information
33 concerning the certification status of persons certified under
34 this section to other local and state governmental agencies. The
35 department is encouraged to create an online database that lists
36 all persons certified under this section.

37 ~~(11)-(10)~~ The department has enforcement authority over
38 persons certified under this section and may adopt rules to
39 administer this section. All penalties, fines, and
40 administrative actions must be consistent with this chapter.

41 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.