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ENROLLED, An Act,

Relating to agricultural tourist attractions; to provide for the Department of Agriculture and Industries to define by rule and approve agricultural tourist attractions; to provide for an application fee and annual renewal fees; and to allow directional signs to direct traffic to agricultural tourist attractions under certain conditions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) For the purpose of this section, the following words have the following meanings:

(1) AGRICULTURAL TOURIST ATTRACTIONS. Any agricultural based business providing any on-site attraction to tourists which meets criteria established by the Department of Agriculture and Industries.

(2) DIRECTIONAL SIGN. A sign placed on the right-of-way of a state highway or county road to direct traffic to an agricultural tourist attraction.

(b) The Department of Agriculture and Industries shall by rule establish the criteria and an application process to provide for agricultural tourist attractions. Each application for approval as an agricultural tourist attraction with the department shall be accompanied by a one-time application fee to be established by the department. In addition, each agricultural tourist attraction shall pay an

1 annual renewal fee to be established by the department. The
2 department shall maintain a registry of approved agricultural
3 tourist attractions.

4 (c) Upon approval by the Department of Agriculture
5 and Industries as an approved agricultural tourist attraction
6 and at the request of the applicant, the Department of
7 Agriculture and Industries in conjunction with the Department
8 of Transportation or the county engineer, as appropriate,
9 shall take the appropriate steps to place directional signs to
10 direct traffic to the agricultural tourist attraction. An
11 agricultural tourist attraction shall pay any costs related to
12 directional signs provided for in this subsection.

13 (d) An agricultural tourist attraction directional
14 sign shall not be placed along a highway under state
15 jurisdiction unless the State Department of Transportation
16 approves the sign and its placement. The state shall not be
17 responsible for the cost or maintenance of any agricultural
18 tourist attraction directional sign approved by the State
19 Department of Transportation to be placed along a highway
20 under state jurisdiction.

21 (e) An agricultural tourist attraction directional
22 sign shall not be placed along a county road unless the county
23 engineer approves the sign and its placement along the county
24 road. The county shall not be responsible for the cost or
25 maintenance of any agricultural tourist attraction directional

1 sign approved to be placed along the county road by the county
2 engineer.

3 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
4 first day of the third month following its passage and
5 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was passed by the House 14-APR-11, as amended.

Greg Pappas
Clerk

Senate	02-JUN-11	Amended and Passed
House	02-JUN-11	Concurred in Senate Amendment