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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would require the Department of  
9 Agriculture and Industries to define and approve  
10 agricultural tourist attractions. The bill would  
11 provide for application fees and annual renewal  
12 fees. The bill would allow the Department of  
13 Agriculture and Industries to place, or allow  
14 approved agricultural tourist attractions to place,  
15 appropriate directional signs to direct traffic to  
16 agricultural tourist attractions.

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18 A BILL  
19 TO BE ENTITLED  
20 AN ACT  
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22 Relating to agricultural tourist attractions; to  
23 provide for the Department of Agriculture and Industries to  
24 define by rule and approve agricultural tourist attractions;  
25 to provide for an application fee and annual renewal fees; and  
26 to allow directional signs to direct traffic to agricultural  
27 tourist attractions under certain conditions.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

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

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

11 (b) The Department of Agriculture and Industries  
12 shall by rule establish the criteria and an application  
13 process to provide for agricultural tourist attractions. Each  
14 application for approval as an agricultural tourist attraction  
15 with the department shall be accompanied by a one-time  
16 application fee to be established by the department. In  
17 addition, each agricultural tourist attraction shall pay an  
18 annual renewal fee to be established by the department. The  
19 department shall maintain a registry of approved agricultural  
20 tourist attractions.

21 (c) Upon approval by the Department of Agriculture  
22 and Industries as an approved agricultural tourist attraction  
23 and at the request of the applicant, the Department of  
24 Agriculture and Industries in conjunction with the Department  
25 of Transportation, shall take the appropriate steps to place  
26 directional signs, or authorize directional signs to be placed  
27 by the agricultural tourist attraction, to direct traffic to

1 the agricultural tourist attraction. An agricultural tourist  
2 attraction may agree to pay any costs related to directional  
3 signs provided for in this subsection.

4 (d) The Department of Agriculture and Industries  
5 shall consult with the State Department of Transportation  
6 concerning directional signs along highways under state  
7 jurisdiction and with the local county engineer concerning  
8 directional signs along county roads to assure that the signs  
9 are appropriate and safe and to provide for the removal of  
10 signs as appropriate.

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