

1 HB188  
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4 A BILL  
5 TO BE ENTITLED  
6 AN ACT  
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8 Relating to agricultural tourist attractions; to  
9 provide for the Department of Agriculture and Industries to  
10 define by rule and approve agricultural tourist attractions;  
11 to provide for an application fee and annual renewal fees; and  
12 to allow directional signs to direct traffic to agricultural  
13 tourist attractions under certain conditions.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

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

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

24 (b) The Department of Agriculture and Industries  
25 shall by rule establish the criteria and an application  
26 process to provide for agricultural tourist attractions. Each

1 application for approval as an agricultural tourist attraction  
2 with the department shall be accompanied by a one-time  
3 application fee to be established by the department. In  
4 addition, each agricultural tourist attraction shall pay an  
5 annual renewal fee to be established by the department. The  
6 department shall maintain a registry of approved agricultural  
7 tourist attractions.

8 (c) Upon approval by the Department of Agriculture  
9 and Industries as an approved agricultural tourist attraction  
10 and at the request of the applicant, the Department of  
11 Agriculture and Industries in conjunction with the Department  
12 of Transportation, shall take the appropriate steps to place  
13 directional signs, or authorize directional signs to be placed  
14 by the agricultural tourist attraction, to direct traffic to  
15 the agricultural tourist attraction. An agricultural tourist  
16 attraction may agree to pay any costs related to directional  
17 signs provided for in this subsection.

18 (d) The Department of Agriculture and Industries  
19 shall consult with the State Department of Transportation  
20 concerning directional signs along highways under state  
21 ~~jurisdiction and with the local county engineer concerning~~  
22 ~~directional signs along county roads to assure that the signs~~  
23 ~~are appropriate and safe and to provide for the removal of~~  
24 ~~signs as appropriate.~~ jurisdiction. An agricultural tourist  
25 attraction sign shall not be placed along a county road unless  
26 the county engineer approves the size and material of the sign

1     and its placement along the county road. The county shall not  
2     be responsible for the cost or maintenance of any signs  
3     approved to be placed along the county road by the county  
4     engineer.

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

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Yeas 97, Nays 0, Abstains 0

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