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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.