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SENATE BILL 1706

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 3-447, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE CITRUS,
FRUIT AND VEGETABLE TRUST FUND.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 3-447, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 3-447. Citrus, fruit and vegetable trust fund; administration

5 A. The citrus, fruit and vegetable trust fund is established for
6 the exclusive purpose of implementing, continuing and supporting the
7 agricultural programs established by this article and article 4 of this
8 chapter. The trust fund consists of revenues from assessments and other
9 monies designated for deposit in the trust fund by this article and
10 article 4 of this chapter. The trust fund shall be used solely for the
11 purpose of administering and enforcing this article and article 4 of this
12 chapter.

13 B. The director shall administer the citrus, fruit and vegetable
14 trust fund as trustee. The state treasurer shall accept, separately
15 account for and hold in trust any monies deposited in the state treasury,
16 which are considered to be trust monies as defined in section 35-310 and
17 which shall not be commingled with any other monies in the state treasury
18 except for investment purposes. On notice from the director, the state
19 treasurer shall invest any trust fund monies deposited in the state
20 treasury pursuant to sections 35-313 and 35-314.03, and all interest
21 earned on these monies shall be credited to the trust fund.

22 C. The beneficiaries of the trust are the agricultural programs
23 established by this article and article 4 of this chapter.

24 D. Monies in the citrus, fruit and vegetable trust fund are exempt
25 from the provisions of section 35-190 relating to lapsing of
26 appropriations. Surplus monies, including any unexpended and unencumbered
27 balance at the end of the fiscal year, do not revert to the state general
28 fund.

29 E. The department shall make a detailed accounting on or before
30 November 1 of each year of all monies paid into and disbursed from the
31 citrus, fruit and vegetable trust fund during the preceding fiscal year
32 and transmit the report to the citrus, fruit and vegetable advisory
33 council on or before December 1. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL POST THE REPORT ON
34 THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE.

35 F. Any monies remaining unexpended in the citrus, fruit and
36 vegetable trust fund on June 30 of each year shall be carried forward to
37 the following year, and the associate director shall take that amount into
38 account in computing the assessments for that year.