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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to limited certification for urban
3 landscape commercial fertilizer application; amending
4 s. 482.1562, F.S.; providing legislative findings;
5 requiring persons who hold a limited certification to
6 follow certain best management practices; providing an
7 exemption from certain prohibited application period
8 bans; requiring the Department of Agriculture and
9 Consumer Services to provide specified information to
10 other local and state governmental agencies; providing
11 the department with certain enforcement authority;
12 providing a requirement for related penalties, fines,
13 and administrative actions; providing an effective
14 date.

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16 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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18 Section 1. Subsections (1) through (10) of section
19 482.1562, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (2)
20 through (11), respectively, a new subsection (1) is added to
21 that section, and present subsections (2), (8), and (10) of that
22 section are amended, to read:

23 482.1562 Limited certification for urban landscape
24 commercial fertilizer application.—

25 (1) The Legislature finds that the implementation of best
26 management practices for commercial fertilizer application to
27 urban landscapes is a critical component of the state's efforts
28 to minimize potential impacts to water quality.

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29 ~~(3)-(2)~~ Beginning January 1, 2014, any person applying
30 commercial fertilizer to an urban landscape must be certified
31 under this section. A person certified under this section must
32 follow best management practices for commercial fertilizer
33 application to urban landscapes as established by the Department
34 of Environmental Protection. A person certified under this
35 section is exempt from the prohibited application period bans
36 within local government ordinances that address the
37 fertilization of urban turfs, lawns, and landscapes.

38 ~~(9)-(8)~~ The department shall ~~may~~ provide information
39 concerning the certification status of persons certified under
40 this section to other local and state governmental agencies. The
41 department is encouraged to create an online database that lists
42 all persons certified under this section.

43 ~~(11)-(10)~~ The department has enforcement authority over
44 persons certified under this section and may adopt rules to
45 administer this section. All penalties, fines, and
46 administrative actions must be consistent with this chapter.

47 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.