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S.B. No. 979

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to including cuttings as a form of propagation for citrus  
3 budwood and citrus nursery stock certification programs.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Sections 19.002(3) and (5), Agriculture Code,  
6 are amended to read as follows:

7 (3) "Citrus budwood" means a portion of a stem or  
8 branch of a citrus tree containing buds used in propagation from  
9 cuttings or by budding or grafting.

10 (5) "Citrus nursery" means a producer of citrus trees  
11 propagated from cuttings or through the budding or grafting of  
12 citrus trees using certified citrus budwood.

13 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
17 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.