



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1082

LCO No. 4218

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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
(ENV)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRESERVATION OF STATE-OWNED
AGRICULTURAL LAND.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For the purposes of this
2 section, "agricultural land" has the same meaning as in section 22-26bb
3 of the general statutes. The Farmland Preservation Advisory Board
4 shall conduct a review of any state-owned agricultural land, excluding
5 any such land owned by the Department of Environmental Protection,
6 to evaluate methods for permanently preserving each such parcel of
7 land, and to make recommendations for further action to be taken to
8 preserve each such parcel, including, but not limited to,
9 recommendations for a conservation easement or possible transfer of
10 the interest of such property and the identification of potential
11 recipients of any such conservation easement. The board may consider
12 methods of preservation that would result in an increase in revenue for
13 the state. The board shall consult with the agency that exercises control
14 over the applicable parcel when conducting a review of such parcel.
15 The board may consult with (1) the office of the Attorney General to
16 review legal options for permanently preserving each such parcel, or

17 (2) the Department of Environmental Protection or federal agencies to
18 assist in calculating the conservation values for each such parcel.

19 (b) No later than January 15, 2010, the board shall submit, in
20 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
21 such recommendations to the Commissioner of Agriculture and the
22 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance
23 of matters relating to environment.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Farmland Preservation Advisory Board to conduct a review of certain state-owned agricultural land and to make recommendations concerning methods for preserving such land.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]