



PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

1 AN ACT ...; relating to: ???

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

AGRICULTURE

***** ANALYSIS FROM -1284/2 *****

Under current law, one requirement for a farmer to qualify for the farmland preservation tax credit is that the farmland must either be in a farmland preservation zoning district or be covered by a farmland preservation agreement executed by DATCP. Under current law, in order to rezone land out of a farmland preservation zoning district, a political subdivision must find that the land is better suited for a use not allowed in a farmland preservation zoning district. Also under current law, a political subdivision may not rezone land out of a farmland preservation zoning district unless the person who requested the rezoning pays a conversion fee equal to the number of acres rezoned multiplied by three times the per acre value of the highest value of cropland in the area, as determined for the purposes of use value assessment.

This bill eliminates the requirement that a person who requests that land be rezoned out of a farmland preservation zoning district pay a conversion fee.

Under current law, DATCP administers a program under which it, in conjunction with local governments and nonprofit conservation organizations, purchases agricultural conservation easements from willing landowners. An agricultural conservation easement requires that land covered by the easement be kept in agricultural use.

This bill eliminates the program for purchasing agricultural conservation easements.

***** ANALYSIS FROM -1363/1 *****

Current law requires DATCP to promote the consumption of locally produced foods and to improve the distribution of foods for local consumption. DATCP also awards grants for projects designed to increase the local sale of food grown in this state.

This bill eliminates the provisions concerning the promotion of locally produced foods.

***** ANALYSIS FROM -0160/2 *****

Under current law, DATCP awards grants for land and water resource management projects. This bill increases the general obligation bonding authority for these grants by \$7,000,000.

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***** ANALYSIS FROM -1284/2 *****

Under current law, DATCP administers the Farmland Preservation Program, which contains some of the requirements that a farmer must meet to qualify for the farmland preservation tax credit. Under current law, one requirement for qualifying for the farmland preservation tax credit is that the farmland must either be in a farmland preservation zoning district under a certified farmland preservation zoning ordinance or be covered by a farmland preservation agreement executed by DATCP.

no ff Under current law, in order to rezone land out of a farmland preservation zoning district, a political subdivision must ~~make several findings, including~~ that the land is better suited for a use not allowed in a farmland preservation zoning district. Also under current law, a political subdivision ~~with a certified farmland preservation ordinance~~ may not rezone land out of a farmland preservation zoning district unless the person who requested the rezoning pays a conversion fee equal to the number of acres rezoned multiplied by three times the per acre value of the highest value of cropland in the city, village, or town in which the land is located, as determined by ~~DOR~~ for the purposes of use value assessment.

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This bill eliminates the requirement that a person who requests that land be rezoned out of a farmland preservation zoning district pay a conversion fee.

Under current law, DATCP administers a program under which it, in conjunction with local governments and nonprofit conservation organizations,

purchases agricultural conservation easements from willing landowners. An agricultural conservation easement requires that land covered by the easement be kept in agricultural use. Under the program, DATCP pays up to 50 percent of the cost of purchasing an easement and may pay up to the full amount the related transaction costs, such as the costs of land surveys and appraisals.

This bill eliminates the program for purchasing agricultural conservation easements.

***** ANALYSIS FROM -1363/1 *****

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Current law requires DATCP to increase awareness and consumption of locally produced foods and to increase the production and improve the distribution of foods for local consumption. DATCP also administers the Buy Local Grant Program, which provides funds for projects designed to increase the local sale of food grown in this state.

This bill eliminates the provisions concerning the promotion of locally produced foods.

***** ANALYSIS FROM -0160/2 *****

Under current law, DATCP administers the Soil and Water Resource Management Program. The program funds grants for land and water resource management projects. This bill increases the general obligation bonding authority for the Soil and Water Resource Management Program by \$7,000,000.

For further information see the state and local fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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