



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 108**

February Session, 2004

House Bill No. 5457

*House of Representatives, March 17, 2004*

The Committee on General Law reported through REP. FOX of the 144th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT REPEALING THE MERGER BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.***

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

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Sections 146, 147 and 148 of public
- 2 act 03-6 of the June 30 special session are repealed.

This act shall take effect as follows:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>
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**GL**      *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 05 \$	FY 06 \$
Department of Agriculture	GF - Cost	See Below	See Below
Consumer Protection, Dept.	GF - Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

Repealing sections 146, 147 and 148 of PA 03-6 JSS, maintains the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Consumer Protection as two separate agencies. This is estimated to eliminate a personal services savings in FY 05 of approximately \$250,000 and the associated savings in fringe benefit costs based on the governor’s recommended budget, HB 5033.

**OLR Bill Analysis**

HB 5457

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**SUMMARY:**

The bill maintains the departments of Consumer Protection and Agriculture as two separate agencies by repealing the legislation (§§ 146, 147, and 148 of Public Act 03-6, June 30 Special Session), that as of July 1, 2004, merges them into a new agency, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Protection, under a single commissioner.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 19    Nay 0