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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING DAIRY FARM INCOME STABILIZATION.

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

1 Section 1. Section 22-131 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

3 (a) In accordance with section 4-9a, the Governor, with the advice
4 and consent of either house of the General Assembly, shall appoint
5 [six] eight electors of the state, [two] four of whom are actively
6 engaged in the sale, [and] distribution or processing of milk, two of
7 whom have no active or financial interest in the production or sale of
8 milk, and two of whom are actively engaged in the production of milk,
9 which [six] eight electors, with the Commissioner of Public Health, or
10 [his] the commissioner's designee, and the Commissioner of
11 Agriculture, shall constitute the Milk Regulation Board. The Governor,
12 for cause, after a public hearing, may remove any appointed member
13 of the board.

14 (b) The Milk Regulation Board shall keep a record of all its
15 proceedings. The Commissioner of Agriculture shall be the
16 chairperson of the board, shall enforce the regulations established by
17 the board and shall further administer any other duties prescribed by

18 the board. The office of the Commissioner of Agriculture shall be the
19 office of the board. Each of the six members of the Milk Regulation
20 Board appointed under the provisions of this section shall receive
21 seventy-five dollars for each day the member attends a meeting of the
22 board. The total payments to each member shall not exceed seven
23 hundred fifty dollars each year, such payments to be made from the
24 appropriations made for the Commissioner of Agriculture.

25 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) (a) The Milk Regulation
26 Board shall study the feasibility of and make recommendations for the
27 establishment of a system to stabilize dairy farm income in the state.
28 The study shall include an examination of methods to stabilize dairy
29 farmer income and shall take into account the cost of producing milk
30 in the state, the prices paid by consumers for milk, the impact on milk
31 processors licensed in the state that compete with milk processors
32 licensed in other states and the public interest.

33 (b) Not later than January 1, 2006, the Commissioner of Agriculture
34 shall report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes,
35 regarding the study required by subsection (a) of this section, to the
36 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance
37 of matters relating to the environment.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	22-131
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	New section

ENV *Joint Favorable*