



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 412**

LCO No. 2156

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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON  
AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 22-26e of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) There is hereby established a Governor's Council for Agricultural  
4 Development for advisory purposes only, consisting of not more than  
5 [thirty] fifteen members. The Commissioner of Agriculture shall be  
6 chairman of said council. The Governor shall appoint [twelve] not  
7 more than eight council members from a list provided by the  
8 Commissioner of Agriculture of persons representative of agricultural  
9 activities in the state, including agricultural production, processing,  
10 marketing, sales, education, farmland preservation and trade  
11 associations. The speaker of the House of Representatives, the  
12 president pro tempore of the Senate and the majority leader and  
13 minority leader of each house of the General Assembly shall [each]  
14 appoint [two council members] one council member.

15 (b) The council shall provide advice to the Department of

16 Agriculture concerning the development, diversification and  
17 promotion of agricultural products, programs and enterprises in this  
18 state and shall provide for an interchange of ideas from the various  
19 commodity groups and organizations represented.

20 (c) The council shall meet at least [once each calendar quarter]  
21 biannually. Any vacancy in the membership may be filled by the  
22 Governor. The members shall serve without compensation or  
23 reimbursement for expenses. [Any member absent from more than two  
24 meetings in a year shall be deemed to have resigned.]

25 (d) The term of each member serving on the effective date of this  
26 section shall expire and the appointing authority shall appoint new  
27 members, effective July 1, 2006.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	22-26e

**Statement of Purpose:**

To increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the Governor's Council for Agricultural Development.

*[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.]*