



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 998**

January Session, 2007

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**AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL PURCHASING OF  
AGRICULTURAL LAND.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) The Commissioner of  
2 Agriculture shall administer a program providing eligible  
3 municipalities with a loan for the purchasing of agricultural lands.  
4 Such loan shall be for a period not to exceed five years and shall not be  
5 subject to interest. Municipalities shall be eligible for such loan if they  
6 provide not less than twenty per cent of the purchase price of such  
7 lands and may apply for such loan on a form prescribed by the  
8 Commissioner of Agriculture.

9 (b) There is established an account to be known as the "municipal  
10 purchasing of agricultural land account" which shall be a separate,  
11 nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The account may contain  
12 any moneys required by law to be deposited in the account. Moneys in  
13 the account shall be expended by the Commissioner of Agriculture for  
14 the purposes of providing municipalities with loans for the purchase  
15 of agricultural lands in accordance with subsection (a) of this section.

16 (c) The Commissioner of Agriculture may adopt regulations, in  
17 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes,  
18 setting forth the criteria for loans granted under this section, and the

19 terms governing such loans.

20 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of \_\_\_\_ dollars is appropriated  
21 to the municipal purchasing of agricultural land account established in  
22 section 1 of this act, from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending  
23 June 30, 2008, for the purpose of providing loans to municipalities for  
24 the purchase of agricultural lands in accordance with section 1 of this  
25 act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section

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