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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE FACE OF CONNECTICUT."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) The Commissioner of
4 Agriculture shall administer a program providing eligible
5 municipalities with a loan for the purchasing of agricultural lands.
6 Such loan shall be for a period not to exceed five years and shall not be
7 subject to interest. Municipalities shall be eligible for such loan if they
8 provide not less than twenty per cent of the purchase price of such
9 lands and may apply for such loan on a form prescribed by the
10 Commissioner of Agriculture.

11 (b) There is established an account to be known as the "municipal
12 purchasing of agricultural land account" which shall be a separate,
13 nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The account may contain
14 any moneys required by law to be deposited in the account. Moneys in
15 the account shall be expended by the Commissioner of Agriculture for

16 the purposes of providing municipalities with loans for the purchase
17 of agricultural lands in accordance with subsection (a) of this section.

18 (c) The Commissioner of Agriculture may adopt regulations, in
19 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes,
20 setting forth the criteria for loans granted under this section, and the
21 terms governing such loans."