



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 5267

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Referred to Committee on Commerce

Introduced by:

REP. CHAPIN, 67th Dist.

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF FUNDS UNDER THE SMALL TOWN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR PROJECTS THAT CONVERT FARMLAND TO OTHER USES.

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

1 That subsection (b) of section 4-66g of the general statutes,
2 concerning the use of grant funds received by a municipality under the
3 small town economic assistance program, be amended to provide that
4 no such grant shall be awarded for a project that converts prime
5 farmland, as defined in section 22-26bb of the general statutes, to
6 nonagricultural use unless the municipality (1) permanently protects a
7 parcel of prime farmland that is equal in acreage to the acreage of such
8 land which would be converted by such project; or (2) has
9 demonstrated a commitment to agricultural land preservation by (A)
10 enacting a right-to-farm ordinance, (B) establishing a fund, the sole
11 purpose of which is to preserve farmland, or (C) adopting regulations
12 that allow for the transfer of development rights.

Statement of Purpose:

To protect farmland by requiring municipalities to adopt provisions protecting agriculture when it receives state funds for economic development under the small town economic assistance program.