



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5483**

January Session, 2009

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**AN ACT CONCERNING FINANCIAL RELIEF FOR THE DAIRY INDUSTRY.**

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

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2009*) (a) For purposes of this  
2 section:

3       (1) "Federal pay price" means the monthly uniform price for milk  
4 pursuant to the United States Department of Agriculture Northeast  
5 Federal Milk Marketing Order for Class I milk;

6       (2) "Milk producer" means a person, firm or corporation registered  
7 pursuant to section 22-172 of the general statutes; and

8       (3) "Minimum sustainable monthly cost of production" means  
9 eighty-two per cent of the baseline determined by the United States  
10 Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service monthly  
11 average cost of production for a New England state.

12       (b) (1) Subject to subdivisions (2) and (3) of this subsection, a milk  
13 producer shall be entitled to a grant as specified in this subsection. In  
14 each month that the federal pay price is below the production price, as  
15 determined by the Commissioner of Agriculture pursuant to  
16 subsection (c) of this section, the milk producer shall be entitled to a  
17 grant equal to the dollar amount such federal pay price was below the

18 production price, multiplied by the amount of milk produced by such  
19 milk producer during such month.

20 (2) For purposes of calculating a grant due a milk producer  
21 pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, each milk producer shall  
22 file with the Commissioner of Agriculture, in such form and at such  
23 times as said commissioner shall direct, information as to the amount  
24 of milk produced by such producer.

25 (3) Prior to receiving a grant pursuant to subdivision (1) of this  
26 subsection, a milk producer shall file with the Commissioner of  
27 Agriculture, in such form and at such times as said commissioner shall  
28 direct, proof that such milk producer has completed an energy audit,  
29 as defined in section 16a-38 of the general statutes.

30 (c) The Commissioner of Agriculture shall adopt regulations, in  
31 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to  
32 implement the provisions of this section, including, but not limited to,  
33 establishment of the monthly production price, which shall not be  
34 below the minimum sustainable monthly cost of production.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	New section

**ENV**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

**APP**      *Joint Favorable*