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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
(ENV)

***AN ACT TRANSFERRING THE CONSERVATION FUNCTIONS OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2011*) On and after July 1, 2011, the
2 functions, powers and duties of the Commissioner of Environmental
3 Protection and the Department of Environmental Protection that are
4 described in title 23 or title 26 of the general statutes shall be
5 transferred to the Commissioner of Agriculture and Natural Resources
6 and the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources,
7 respectively. In accordance with the provisions of section 4-38d of the
8 general statutes, any employee of the Department of Environmental
9 Protection who performs any function or duty that is described in title
10 23 or title 26 of the general statutes shall be transferred to the
11 Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

12 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2011*) (a) There is established a Department of
13 Agriculture and Natural Resources. The department head shall be the
14 Commissioner of Agriculture and Natural Resources, who shall be
15 appointed by the Governor in accordance with the provisions of

16 sections 4-5 to 4-8, inclusive, of the general statutes, as amended by
17 this act, with the powers and duties therein prescribed.

18 (b) The Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources shall
19 constitute a successor department to the Department of Agriculture in
20 accordance with the provisions of sections 4-38d, 4-38e and 4-39 of the
21 general statutes.

22 (c) Wherever the words "Commissioner of Agriculture" are used or
23 referred to in the following sections of the general statutes, the words
24 "Commissioner of Agriculture and Natural Resources" shall be
25 substituted in lieu thereof: 3-20, 3-20f, 4-66cc, 4-186, 4b-3, 7-131o, 8-37u,
26 10a-103, 12-2b, 12-81, 12-91, 12-107c, 12-107e, 12-107f, 14-21h, 16a-3,
27 19a-102a, 19a-341, 20-196a, 22-1, 22-1c, 22-3, 22-4, 22-4a, 22-4b, 22-4c,
28 22-4d, 22-6, 22-6a, 22-6b, 22-6c, 22-6d, 22-6f, 22-6g, 22-6h, 22-6q, 22-7,
29 22-7p, 22-7q, 22-8, 22-11e, 22-11g, 22-11h, 22-12a, 22-12b, 22-26c, 22-26e,
30 22-26g, 22-26i, 22-26k, 22-26bb, 22-26cc, 22-26dd, 22-26jj, 22-26kk, 22-
31 26ll, 22-26mm, 22-26nn, 22-27, 22-28, 22-31, 22-33, 22-34, 22-35, 22-36,
32 22-38, 22-38a, 22-38b, 22-38c, 22-39, 22-39b, 22-39d, 22-39e, 22-39f, 22-
33 41, 22-42, 22-45, 22-48a, 22-51, 22-53, 22-54o, 22-54p, 22-54r, 22-56, 22-
34 57, 22-59, 22-60, 22-63, 22-79, 22-111b, 22-111r, 22-111aa, 22-111ll, 22-
35 111mm, 22-111tt, 22-111vv, 22-118k, 22-118l, 22-118m, 22-118n, 22-118o,
36 22-118q, 22-118r, 22-118s, 22-118t, 22-120a, 22-126a, 22-127, 22-128a, 22-
37 129, 22-129a, 22-130, 22-131, 22-131c, 22-137a, 22-137b, 22-141, 22-150a,
38 22-160, 22-172, 22-173a, 22-182a, 22-192a, 22-203a, 22-203e, 22-203f, 22-
39 203g, 22-203h, 22-205, 22-206, 22-207, 22-208, 22-211a, 22-212, 22-213,
40 22-224, 22-226, 22-227, 22-228, 22-231, 22-232, 22-233, 22-234, 22-235a,
41 22-236, 22-238, 22-239, 22-241, 22-242, 22-242a, 22-242b, 22-243, 22-244,
42 22-245, 22-247, 22-248, 22-249, 22-254, 22-255, 22-256, 22-257, 22-258, 22-
43 265a, 22-272b, 22-277, 22-278, 22-279, 22-279a, 22-280, 22-284, 22-286,
44 22-287, 22-288, 22-288a, 22-289, 22-290, 22-291, 22-293, 22-295, 22-296,
45 22-298, 22-299a, 22-301, 22-303, 22-304, 22-306, 22-307, 22-308, 22-311,
46 22-313, 22-316, 22-318, 22-318a, 22-319, 22-320a, 22-321, 22-322, 22-323a,
47 22-323b, 22-324, 22-324a, 22-325, 22-326c, 22-326d, 22-326e, 22-326f, 22-
48 326s, 22-326t, 22-327, 22-329a, 22-339b, 22-344c, 22-344d, 22-347, 22-348,

49 22-354, 22-380e, 22-380f, 22-380g, 22-381, 22-414, 22-415, 22-415a, 22-
50 415i, 22-415j, 22-456, 22a-27s, 22a-65, 22a-285a, 22a-315, 22a-354m, 22a-
51 354bb, 22a-361, 22a-381, 22a-616, 25-204, 25-207, 25-234, 25-237, 26-40a,
52 26-149, 26-157f, 26-192, 26-192e, 26-192f, 26-192j, 26-193, 26-194, 26-
53 194a, 26-195, 26-196, 26-198, 26-199, 26-200, 26-201, 26-202, 26-203, 26-
54 204, 26-206, 26-207, 26-208, 26-209, 26-210, 26-211, 26-212, 26-213, 26-
55 215, 26-216, 26-219, 26-220, 26-224a, 26-227, 26-229, 26-230, 26-232, 26-
56 234b, 26-235, 26-236, 26-237b, 26-257, 26-257a, 26-266 and 45a-322.

57 (d) Wherever the words "Department of Agriculture" are used or
58 referred to in the following sections of the general statutes, the words
59 "Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources" shall be
60 substituted in lieu thereof: 4-66aa, 4b-51, 7-131q, 7-380c, 8-2b, 13a-142a,
61 16-50j, 17b-97, 17b-105f, 19a-59f, 20-196, 21a-92a, 21a-401, 22-1, 22-1c,
62 22-4b, 22-6, 22-6a, 22-6b, 22-6c, 22-6d, 22-6e, 22-6g, 22-6h, 22-11d, 22-
63 11e, 22-11f, 22-11h, 22-12b, 22-26c, 22-26d, 22-26e, 22-26f, 22-26i, 22-26j,
64 22-26k, 22-26l, 22-26bb, 22-26cc, 22-26ll, 22-26nn, 22-36, 22-38a, 22-38d,
65 22-51, 22-59, 22-63, 22-63a, 22-79, 22-81, 22-84, 22-90, 22-98, 22-129a, 22-
66 137a, 22-137b, 22-160, 22-265a, 22-272b, 22-277, 22-279a, 22-280, 22-286,
67 22-287, 22-298, 22-299a, 22-301, 22-303, 22-304, 22-306, 22-313, 22-318b,
68 22-320a, 22-326c, 22-326t, 22-329a, 22-332a, 22-339b, 22-344d, 22-354, 22-
69 359b, 22-386, 22-388, 22-410, 22-411, 22-412, 22-415a, 22-455, 22-456,
70 22a-27r, 22a-38, 22a-319, 22a-361, 25-157a, 26-40a, 26-72, 26-142a, 26-
71 192a, 26-192b, 26-192c, 26-192e, 26-192f, 26-192h, 26-192k, 26-192l, 26-
72 194, 26-224a, 26-235, 26-237a, 26-237d, 26-237e, 26-257a, 30-68, 32-324h
73 and 36b-21.

74 (e) Wherever the words "Commissioner of Environmental
75 Protection" are used or referred to in the following sections of the
76 general statutes, the words "Commissioner of Agriculture and Natural
77 Resources" shall be substituted in lieu thereof: 23-4, 23-5, 23-5b, 23-6,
78 23-7, 23-8, 23-8b, 23-9a, 23-9b, 23-10, 23-10b, 23-10c, 23-10e, 23-10i, 23-
79 11, 23-12, 23-13, 23-14, 23-15a, 23-15b, 23-16, 23-16a, 23-17, 23-18, 23-20,
80 23-21, 23-22, 23-23, 23-24, 23-24a, 23-25, 23-26b, 23-26c, 23-26d, 23-26f,
81 23-26g, 23-30, 23-31, 23-32, 23-32a, 23-33, 23-37a, 23-37b, 23-41, 23-61a,

82 23-61b, 23-61f, 23-65, 23-65f, 23-65g, 23-65h, 23-65i, 23-65j, 23-65l, 23-
83 65m, 23-65n, 23-65o, 23-65p, 23-65q, 23-73, 23-75, 23-77, 23-101, 23-102,
84 26-1, 26-3, 26-3a, 26-3b, 26-3c, 26-5, 26-6, 26-6a, 26-7, 26-15, 26-17a, 26-
85 18, 26-25a, 26-25b, 26-27, 26-27b, 26-27c, 26-27d, 26-28b, 26-29c, 26-30,
86 26-31, 26-31a, 26-40a, 26-40c, 26-46, 26-55, 26-65, 26-65a, 26-67b, 26-67c,
87 26-67e, 26-74, 26-80a, 26-86a, 26-86c, 26-86e, 26-91, 26-103, 26-107f, 26-
88 107h, 26-107i, 26-115, 26-119, 26-141a, 26-141b, 26-141c, 26-142a, 26-142b,
89 26-157c, 26-157d, 26-157e, 26-157f, 26-157h, 26-157i, 26-159a, 26-186a,
90 26-192j, 26-297, 26-313, 26-314, 26-315 and 26-316.

91 (f) Wherever the words "Department of Environmental Protection"
92 are used or referred to in the following sections of the general statutes,
93 the words "Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources" shall be
94 substituted in lieu thereof: 23-5c, 23-8, 23-8b, 23-10b, 23-10d, 23-15, 23-
95 15b, 23-19, 23-20, 23-24a, 23-32a, 23-61a, 23-65f, 23-65h, 23-65i, 23-65k,
96 23-67, 23-68, 23-72, 23-73, 23-101, 23-102, 23-103, 26-6a, 26-15, 26-15a,
97 26-15b, 26-17a, 26-27b, 26-31, 26-40a, 26-55, 26-55a, 26-59, 26-66a, 26-
98 66b, 26-72, 26-86f, 26-105, 26-142a, 26-157d, 26-192k, 26-300, 26-304 and
99 26-314.

100 (g) If the term "Department of Agriculture" is used or referred to in
101 any public or special act of 2011, or in any section of the general
102 statutes which is amended in 2011, it shall be deemed to refer to the
103 Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

104 (h) If the term "Commissioner of Agriculture" is used or referred to
105 in any public or special act of 2011, or in any section of the general
106 statutes which is amended in 2011, it shall be deemed to refer to the
107 Commissioner of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

108 Sec. 3. Section 4-5 of the general statutes is repealed and the
109 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

110 As used in sections 4-6, 4-7 and 4-8, the term "department head"
111 means Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management,
112 Commissioner of Administrative Services, Commissioner of Revenue

113 Services, Banking Commissioner, Commissioner of Children and
114 Families, Commissioner of Consumer Protection, Commissioner of
115 Correction, Commissioner of Economic and Community Development,
116 State Board of Education, Commissioner of Emergency Management
117 and Homeland Security, Commissioner of Environmental Protection,
118 Commissioner of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Commissioner of
119 Public Health, Insurance Commissioner, Labor Commissioner, Liquor
120 Control Commission, Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction
121 Services, Commissioner of Public Safety, Commissioner of Social
122 Services, Commissioner of Developmental Services, Commissioner of
123 Motor Vehicles, Commissioner of Transportation, Commissioner of
124 Public Works, Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs, Chief Information
125 Officer, the chairperson of the Public Utilities Control Authority, the
126 executive director of the Board of Education and Services for the Blind,
127 the executive director of the Connecticut Commission on Culture and
128 Tourism, and the executive director of the Office of Military Affairs. As
129 used in sections 4-6 and 4-7, "department head" also means the
130 Commissioner of Education.

131 Sec. 4. Section 4-38c of the general statutes is repealed and the
132 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

133 There shall be within the executive branch of state government the
134 following departments: Office of Policy and Management, Department
135 of Administrative Services, Department of Revenue Services,
136 Department of Banking, Department of Agriculture and Natural
137 Resources, Department of Children and Families, Department of
138 Consumer Protection, Department of Correction, Department of
139 Economic and Community Development, State Board of Education,
140 Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security,
141 Department of Environmental Protection, Department of Public
142 Health, Board of Governors of Higher Education, Insurance
143 Department, Labor Department, Department of Mental Health and
144 Addiction Services, Department of Developmental Services,
145 Department of Public Safety, Department of Social Services,

146 Department of Transportation, Department of Motor Vehicles,
147 Department of Veterans' Affairs, Department of Public Works and
148 Department of Public Utility Control.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	4-5
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	4-38c

Statement of Purpose:

To transfer the conservation functions, including forestry, parks and fish and game, from the Department of Environmental Protection to the Department of Agriculture and rename the Department of Agriculture as the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

[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.]

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