



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 5472

LCO No. 2122

Referred to Committee on Planning and Development

Introduced by:

REP. REYNOLDS, 42nd Dist.

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AN ACT CONCERNING LOCAL AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONS.

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

1 That the general statutes be amended to permit municipalities to
2 establish local agricultural commissions for the purpose of (1)
3 providing information to local farmers and to municipal boards and
4 commissions about supporting a balance between agriculture, land
5 preservation and other land uses; (2) educating municipal officials
6 about agricultural laws and safety issues; (3) identifying grant sources
7 for farmers and municipalities; (4) enabling a common understanding
8 of farming among all municipal departments; (5) providing
9 information and guidance on agriculture-related zoning issues; (6)
10 supporting local, regional and state vocational agricultural programs;
11 (7) providing conflict resolution and advisory services; (8) identifying
12 innovative opportunities for farming; and (9) creating a climate that
13 supports the economic viability of farming in the municipality.

Statement of Purpose:

To authorize municipalities to establish local agricultural commissions.