



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 806

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Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE MUNICIPAL PURCHASE OF
DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS FOR AGRICULTURAL LAND
PRESERVATION.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (e) of section 7-131q of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (e) (1) Upon authorization of the body in such municipality having
5 the power of appropriation, the moneys in said fund may be used by
6 the municipality for the acquisition in its name of the development
7 rights of agricultural land and for any expenditure incurred for the
8 preservation of agricultural land, provided [(1)] (A) the development
9 rights have been voluntarily offered for sale to the municipality by the
10 owner, and [(2)] (B) the land has been designated for preservation
11 purposes by the municipality in an open space plan, municipal plan of
12 conservation and development or farmland preservation plan.

13 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,

14 the municipality may use the moneys in said fund for the acquisition
15 in its name of the rights of the fee owner of agricultural land to
16 construct any residence or any farm structure on agricultural land.

17 (3) The municipality may accept as a gift in its name the rights of the
18 fee owner of agricultural land to construct any residence or any farm
19 structure on agricultural land.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	7-131q(e)

Statement of Purpose:

To enable partnerships among the state, municipalities and land trusts to acquire development rights to agricultural lands in order to preserve such lands.

[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.]