AN ACT CONCERNING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND REGULATIONS FOR ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE DEVICES REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

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

1   Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of
2 Agriculture shall enter a memorandum of understanding with
3 aquaculture licensees for the utilization of electronic surveillance
4 devices by the Department of Agriculture to monitor the locations of
5 such licensees. Such memorandum of understanding shall: (1)
6 Prescribe the conditions and requirements of utilizing such
7 surveillance devices, (2) provide that such monitoring is for the
8 purpose of assuring the safety of the products of such licensees, (3)
9 require any costs associated with such devices, including, but not
10 limited to, any service for the use of such devices, shall be paid by the
11 Department of Agriculture, and (4) prohibit the disclosure of any data
12 received or collected by the department as a result of utilizing such
13 devices. Such memorandum of understanding shall be effective until
14 the effective date of the regulations described in section 2 of this act.

15   Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than July 1, 2020, the
16 Department of Agriculture shall adopt regulations, in accordance with
17 the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to establish criteria
18 for the enforcement of any requirement that any aquaculture licensee

19   utilize an electronic surveillance device. Such regulations shall include,
20   but need not be limited to, the establishment of any applicable fees and
21   mandatory fines for violating any provisions of such regulations and
22   protocols for the storage and safeguarding of any data collected by the
23   department as a result of requiring the use of such electronic
24   surveillance devices.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	*from passage*	New section
Sec. 2	*from passage*	New section