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## Amendment

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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5360

File No. 78

Cal. No. 92

**"AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO CERTAIN ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND CONSERVATION PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than July 1, 2018,  
4 the Commissioner of Agriculture shall convene and, as necessary to  
5 effectuate the required membership, select members for a working  
6 group to develop recommendations for legislation to: (1) Reduce the  
7 number of attacks by domestic animals that result in the death or

8 serious injury of another animal or person, and (2) study the process  
 9 for appealing animal control officer disposal orders while ensuring  
 10 due process for animal owners. Such working group shall consist of  
 11 the Commissioner of Agriculture, or the commissioner's designee, the  
 12 State Veterinarian, a representative of the Office of the Attorney  
 13 General, a representative of the Connecticut State Police, a  
 14 representative of the Connecticut Municipal Animal Control Officers'  
 15 Association, a representative of the American Society for the  
 16 Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, two victims of dog attacks or their  
 17 designees, a representative of the Humane Society of the United States,  
 18 the chief elected officials of three municipalities, one of whom shall  
 19 represent a municipality with a population of one hundred thousand  
 20 or more persons, one of whom shall represent a municipality with a  
 21 population between ten thousand and less than one hundred thousand  
 22 persons, and one of whom shall represent a municipality with a  
 23 population of less than ten thousand persons, a representative of Our  
 24 Companions Animal Rescue, a representative of a municipal police  
 25 department, a representative of a municipal fire department or  
 26 ambulance department, a representative of the International  
 27 Association of Animal Behavior Consultants and the owner of a dog  
 28 for which an animal control officer has issued a disposal order. No  
 29 member of such working group shall also serve as a member of an  
 30 organization that has a primary purpose of conducting dog bite-  
 31 related research. In undertaking its work, such working group shall  
 32 hold at least two public forums. The commissioner shall submit the  
 33 recommendations of such working group to the joint standing  
 34 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
 35 relating to the environment on or before January 1, 2019."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	New section