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"AN ACT CONCERNING CONNECTICUT'S SHELLFISH RESTORATION PROGRAM AND THE CONNECTICUT SEAFOOD COUNCIL."

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

3 "Sec. 501. Section 12-107b of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021, and*
5 *applicable to tax assessments on and after said date*):

6 When used in sections 12-107a to 12-107e, inclusive, and 12-107g:

7 (1) The term "farm land" means any tract or tracts of land, including
8 woodland and wasteland and any underwater farmlands used for
9 aquaculture, constituting a farm unit;

10 (2) The term "forest land" means any tract or tracts of land

11 aggregating twenty-five acres or more in area bearing tree growth that
12 conforms to the forest stocking, distribution and condition standards
13 established by the State Forester pursuant to subsection (a) of section 12-
14 107d, and consisting of (A) one tract of land of twenty-five or more
15 contiguous acres, which acres may be in contiguous municipalities, (B)
16 two or more tracts of land aggregating twenty-five acres or more in
17 which no single component tract shall consist of less than ten acres, or
18 (C) any tract of land which is contiguous to a tract owned by the same
19 owner and has been classified as forest land pursuant to this section;

20 (3) The term "open space land" means any area of land, including
21 forest land, land designated as wetland under section 22a-30 and not
22 excluding farm land, the preservation or restriction of the use of which
23 would (A) maintain and enhance the conservation of natural or scenic
24 resources, (B) protect natural streams or water supply, (C) promote
25 conservation of soils, wetlands, beaches or tidal marshes, (D) enhance
26 the value to the public of abutting or neighboring parks, forests, wildlife
27 preserves, nature reservations or sanctuaries or other open spaces, (E)
28 enhance public recreation opportunities, (F) preserve historic sites, or
29 (G) promote orderly urban or suburban development;

30 (4) The word "municipality" means any town, consolidated town and
31 city, or consolidated town and borough;

32 (5) The term "planning commission" means a planning commission
33 created pursuant to section 8-19;

34 (6) The term "plan of conservation and development" means a plan
35 of development, including any amendment thereto, prepared or
36 adopted pursuant to section 8-23;

37 (7) The term "certified forester" means a practitioner certified as a
38 forester pursuant to section 23-65h; and

39 (8) The term "maritime heritage land" means that portion of
40 waterfront real property owned by a licensed shellstock shipper,
41 aquaculture operator or commercial lobster fisherman licensed

42 pursuant to title 26, when such portion of such property is used by such
 43 shellstock shipper, aquaculture operator or fisherman for shellfishing,
 44 aquaculture or commercial lobstering purposes, provided in the tax year
 45 of the owner ending immediately prior to any assessment date with
 46 respect to which application is submitted pursuant to section 12-107g,
 47 not less than fifty per cent of the adjusted gross income of such
 48 shellstock shipper, aquaculture operator or fisherman, as determined
 49 for purposes of the federal income tax, is derived from commercial
 50 shellfishing, aquaculture or lobster fishing, subject to proof satisfactory
 51 to the assessor in the town in which such application is submitted.
 52 "Maritime heritage land" does not include buildings not used
 53 exclusively by such shellstock shipper, aquaculture operator or
 54 fisherman for commercial shellfishing, aquaculture or lobstering
 55 purposes.

56 Sec. 502. Section 26-250 of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*
 57 *October 1, 2021*)"

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>October 1, 2021, and applicable to tax assessments on and after said date</i>	12-107b
Sec. 502	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	Repealer section