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AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS TO AGRICULTURE
RELATED STATUTES.

AMENDMENT

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 25 \$	FY 26 \$
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	GF - See Below	See Below	See Below
Treasurer, Debt Serv.	GF - Revenue Gain/Cost	See Below	See Below
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	Up to \$25,000	Up to \$25,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 25 \$	FY 26 \$
Various Municipalities	Potential Revenue Loss	See Below	See Below

Explanation

The amendment strikes the underlying bill and its associated fiscal impact and result in the following impact.

Section 1 results in a potential General Fund revenue gain of up to \$25,000 per year, beginning in FY 25, from requiring businesses to get separate commercial kennel, grooming facility, and training facility

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licenses from the Department of Agriculture. The annual revenue gain will be dependent on the number of licensed commercial kennels that are also engaged in the business of grooming or training that will need to obtain a separate license for these operations.

Sections 9-13 make various changes to bond-funded programs, including the Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Program (OSWA) administered by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP).^[1] Future General Fund debt service costs may be incurred sooner under the amendment to the degree that it causes authorized GO bond funds to be expended or to be expended more rapidly than they otherwise would have been. The amendment does not change GO bond authorizations relevant to the program.

These sections result in a potential revenue gain to various municipalities beginning in FY 25 to the extent they qualify for the grant under the expanded eligibility.

Section 14 authorizes DEEP to acquire up to 25.7 acres of property for the Resilient Bridgeport flood control project and to ensure relocations of utilities as needed. The section reduces the state share of utilities relocations by up to 50 percent, which may result in a one-time state savings of up to approximately \$1.5 million when the project occurs in the next several years. The property acquisitions are expected to have a cost within the next few years; however, it is anticipated that both the state share of the utilities relocations and the acquisitions will be paid with federal funds.

As the section requires relocation of some utilities, including electric, it results in a potential rate increase. This section shifts up to one-half of the cost of utility relocation from the state to utility companies, which will be recovered through the normal rate process. The extent of the impact will depend on the number of utilities required to be relocated

^[1] No change is anticipated to the portion of OSWA that is funded through the Community Investment Account.

and the total cost for that relocation.

The other provisions of the amendment make modifications to current statutes that are not anticipated to result in a state or municipal fiscal impact.

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