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BILL NUMBER: SHB 5110
FILE NUMBER:
AMENDMENTS: House "B"

TITLE: "AN ACT CONCERNING THE MARKETING AUTHORITY AND REGIONAL ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS"

FAVORABLY REPORTED BY Environment, Appropriations, Government Administration and Elections

SUMMARY: This bill, as amended places the CT Marketing Authority within the Department of Agriculture instead of within the Department for administrative purposes only and allows the executive director of the Marketing Authority to be the Director of Marketing and Technology for the Department of Agriculture. The bill also transfers the responsibility and related costs for regional dog pounds.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/1/92

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER SHB 5110

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| STATE IMPACT | Implements Provisions in the Budget, see explanation below |
| MUNICIPAL IMPACT | None, see explanation below |
| STATE AGENCY(S) | Agriculture, CT Marketing Authority |

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

STATE AND MUNICIPAL IMPACT: Funds in the amount of \$239,126 have been removed within SHB 5100 (the Appropriations Act, as amended and passed by the House) for fiscal year 1992-93. The reduction of General Fund costs is due to the placement of the Marketing Director onto the Regional Market Operation Fund which currently funds 10 staff members of the CT Marketing Authority. One employee is retiring and therefore, the Special Fund will continue to fund 10 positions. In addition, placing the CT Marketing Authority within the Department of Agriculture instead of within the Department for administrative purposes only, will allow for a greater capacity for marketing within the Department of Agriculture and increase efficiency of funding.

The cost reduction is also due to the elimination of 5 canine control officers (\$181,373). This is due to the transfer of the responsibility and costs for regional pounds back to the towns. The pounds are established at the request of 2 or more adjoining towns and paid for by the municipalities through the Dog Fund. Since the municipalities have always paid for these services, there is no net change in costs to towns. Therefore,

instead of the indirect payment by the municipalities for the 5 officers for the Woodbridge and New Milford shelters to the state, the towns will pay for the services directly.

House "B" is technical and has no fiscal impact.

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