



General Assembly

January Session, 2025

**Committee Bill No. 73**

LCO No. 4749



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

**AN ACT TRANSFERRING OVERSIGHT OF FARMING ON STATE-OWNED LAND FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.**

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) Notwithstanding any  
2 provision of the general statutes, any farming that occurs on any state-  
3 owned property, including, but not limited to, any property under the  
4 care, custody or control of the Department of Energy and  
5 Environmental Protection, shall be overseen by the Department of  
6 Agriculture. Any lease agreement for any such farming shall, upon  
7 renewal of such lease agreement, be entered into between the  
8 Department of Agriculture and the respective lessor.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To transfer oversight of certain farming activities from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to the Department of Agriculture.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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