



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 455

LCO No. 2420



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING JURISDICTION OVER FARMING OCCURRING ON CERTAIN STATE LANDS.

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) 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, 2026</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To transfer oversight of farming occurring on certain state lands 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.]