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SENATE AMENDMENT "A " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 697, L.D. 949, Bill, "An Act to Clarify the Farmland Adjacency Law"

Amend the amendment in section 1 in that part designated "~~§51.~~" in subsection 6 in the last line (page 2, line 11 in amendment) by inserting at the end the following: 'and'

Further amend the amendment in section 1 in that part designated "~~§51.~~" in subsection 7 in the last line (page 2, page 19 in amendment) by striking out the following: "; and" and inserting in its place the following: '.'

Further amend the amendment in section 1 in that part designated "~~§51.~~" by striking out all of subsection 8.

Further amend the amendment in section 1 in that part designated "~~§52.~~" by striking out all of subsection 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'1. Abutting land. "Abutting land" means real estate which shares a common boundary, or portion of a boundary, with land that is held in common ownership with land registered or being considered for registration under this chapter.'

Further amend the amendment in section 1 in that part designated "~~§52.~~" by striking out all of subsection 5.

Further amend the amendment in section 1 in that part designated "~~§53-C.~~" in the first paragraph in the 3rd and 4th lines (page 5, lines 16 and 17 in amendment) by striking out the following: "and the setback of incompatible development under section 56"

Further amend the amendment in section 1 in that part designated "~~§53-C.~~" by striking out all of subsection 7 and inserting in its place the following:

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'7. Maps. A copy of the municipal tax map, where available, and a statement of the tax parcel number or numbers which include the land at issue and any other maps needed to clearly show the location of the land, including a depiction of the crop-producing areas;'

Further amend the amendment in section 1 in that part designated "§53-H." by striking out all of subsection 3.

Further amend the amendment in section 1 in that part designated "§53-H." by renumbering the subsections to read consecutively.

Further amend the amendment in section 1 by striking out all of those parts designated "§56." and "§57."

Further amend the amendment in section 1 in that part designated "§58." in the first line by striking out the following: "§58. Enforcement and penalties" and inserting in its place the following: '§56. Enforcement and penalties'

Further amend the amendment in section 1 in that part designated "§58." in subsection 2 by striking out paragraph B and relettering the paragraphs to read consecutively.

Further amend the amendment in section 1 in that part designated "§59." in the first line by striking out the following: "§59. Other laws not affected" and inserting in its place the following: '§57. Other laws not affected'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated "§6-A." by striking out all of subsection 3 and inserting in its place the following:

'3. Farmland location established. Includes an accurate depiction of any crop-producing area under consideration.'

Further amend the bill in section 3 by adding at the end the following: 'The repeal of the provisions setting forth a buffer zone on property abutting farmland shall be retroactive to March 31, 1988.'

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

This amendment amends the farmland adjacency law to retroactively repeal the buffer zone which was established by that law on land owned by abutters to farmland. The original law established a 150' buffer zone on the abuttor's land. The committee amendment changes the buffer zone to 100' on the abuttor's land. This amendment deletes the buffer zone entirely

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1 but retains all the provisions for registration of farmland as  
2 set forth in the original law and in the committee amendment so  
3 that there will be full disclosure to purchasers of property  
4 abutting registered farmland of the farmers' use of chemicals.

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(Senator HOLLOWAY)

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