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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



**PA 24-100**—sSB 194  
*Environment Committee*

**AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN FARMING PROGRAMS OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**SUMMARY:** This act eliminates a requirement that the agriculture commissioner consult with the energy and environmental protection commissioner before approving a request to remove a development rights restriction from agricultural land preserved under either the Farmland Preservation Program or Community Farm Preservation Program.

The act also requires the agriculture commissioner to study the need to establish an annual harvest season for vehicles transporting agricultural products and report his recommendations to the Environment Committee by January 1, 2025.

Lastly, the act repeals various agriculture statutes and makes a conforming change.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Upon passage

**REPEALED STATUTES**

The act repeals statutes that do the following:

1. require the agriculture commissioner to establish and administer Connecticut Farm Fresh Market and Connecticut Farm Fresh Restaurant certification programs and make grocery stores' access to economic development grants contingent on their certification as a farm fresh market (CGS § 22-38b);
2. allow the Seafood Advisory Council to use funds and enter into contracts, both of which it can do under other statutes (CGS § 22-457); and
3. limit the agriculture department's aquaculture industry resource assessment permits to no more than 100 acres of assessed area per permit, require buoys to be placed to identify the area, and require the department to notify abutting shellfish ground owners or lease holders about the permit (CGS § 26-237e).