

**No. 18. An act relating to the application of Act 250 to agricultural fairs.**

(H.411)

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 6001(3)(D) is amended to read:

(D) The word “development” does not include:

(i) The construction of improvements for farming, logging, or forestry purposes below the elevation of 2,500 feet.

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(iv) The construction of improvements for agricultural fairs that are registered with the agency of agriculture, food and markets and that are open to the public for 60 days per year, or fewer, provided that, any improvements constructed do not include one or more buildings if the improvement is a building, the building was constructed prior to January 1, 2011 and is used solely for the purposes of the agricultural fair.

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Sec. 2. 10 V.S.A. § 6001(34) is added to read:

(34) “Agricultural fair” means an event or activity that is intended to promote farming by:

(A) exhibiting a variety of livestock and agricultural products;

(B) exhibiting arts, equipment, and implements related to farming; or

(C) conducting contests, displays, and demonstrations designed to advance farming, advance the local food economy, or train or educate farmers, youth, or the public regarding agriculture.

Sec. 3. 10 V.S.A. § 6081(t) is added to read:

(t) A building constructed prior to January 1, 2011 in accordance with subdivision 6001(3)(D)(iv) of this title shall not be subject to an enforcement action under this chapter for:

(1) construction or any event or activity at the building that occurred prior to January 1, 2011; and

(2) any event or activity at the building on or after January 1, 2011 if the building is used solely for the purpose of an agricultural fair.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

Approved: May 11, 2011