

1 H.860

2 SHORT FORM

3 Introduced by Representatives Stevens of Shoreham, Toleno of Brattleboro,
4 Connor of Fairfield, Conquest of Newbury, and Kupersmith of
5 South Burlington

6 Referred to Committee on

7 Date:

8 Subject: Agriculture; agricultural and forest product activities; agricultural
9 land enterprise working group

10 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to create a
11 strategic agricultural and forest product enterprise land use evaluation in order
12 to encourage and enhance agricultural and forest product activities in the State.

13 The bill proposes to create a working group consisting of members from the
14 House and Senate, the Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets or his or her
15 designee, the Secretary of Commerce and Community Development or his or
16 her designee, the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation, and
17 members of the general public who are involved in agricultural and forest
18 product businesses and economic activities. This working group will review
19 the changing nature of agricultural enterprises, which are increasingly
20 intermingled with commerce and tourism, through the lens of the Vermont
21 statutes in order to assess what type of legislative action is necessary to

1 perpetuate Vermont's agricultural heritage. Based on its findings, the working
2 group will prepare a report for the General Assembly that includes an
3 assessment of and recommendations for various aspects of Vermont's
4 agricultural and forest product sectors, including regulatory definitions and
5 oversight and reform, land use patterns and design, and economic
6 development.

7 An act relating to evaluation of agricultural and forest enterprise
8 development and regulation

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

10 (TEXT OMITTED IN SHORT-FORM BILLS)