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1 Sec. _____. 24 V.S.A. § 4412(11) is amended to read:

2 (11) Accessory on-farm businesses. No bylaw shall have the effect of
3 prohibiting an accessory on-farm business at the same location as a farm.

4 (A) Definitions. As used in this subdivision (11):

5 (i) "Accessory on-farm business" means activity ~~that is accessory to~~ on a
6 farm, the revenues of which may exceed the revenues of the farming operation,
7 and comprises one or both of the following:

8 (I) The storage, preparation, processing, and sale of qualifying
9 products, provided that ~~more than 50 percent of the total annual sales are from~~
10 the qualifying products that are produced on the a farm at which the business is
11 located; the sale of products that name, describe, or promote the farm or
12 accessory on-farm business, including merchandise or apparel that features the
13 farm or accessory on-farm business; or the sale of bread or baked goods baked
14 in the State.

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16 (iv) "Qualifying product" means a product that is ~~wholly~~ principally:

17 (I) an agricultural, horticultural, viticultural, or dairy commodity, or
18 maple syrup;

19 (II) livestock or cultured fish or a product thereof;

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- 1 (III) a product of poultry, bees, an orchard, or fiber crops;
2 (IV) a commodity otherwise grown or raised on a farm; or
3 (V) a product manufactured on one or more farms from commodities
4 wholly grown or raised on one or more farms.

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6 Sec. ____ 10 V.S.A. § 6081 is amended to read:

7 § 6081. PERMITS REQUIRED; EXEMPTIONS

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9 (t) No permit or permit amendment is required for the construction of
10 improvements for an accessory on-farm business for the storage or sale of
11 qualifying products or the other eligible enumerated products as defined in 24
12 V.S.A. § 4412(11)(A)(i)(I). No permit or permit amendment is required for
13 the construction of improvements for an accessory on-farm business for the
14 preparation or processing of qualifying products as defined in 24 V.S.A. §
15 4412(11)(A)(i)(I), provided that more than 50 percent of the total annual sales
16 of the prepared or processed qualifying products come from products produced
17 on the farm where the business is located. Full-service restaurants are only
18 eligible for this exemption if they operate seasonally or no more than four days
19 a week. This subsection shall not apply to the construction of improvements

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1 related to hosting events or farm stays as defined in 24 V.S.A. §

2 4412(11)(A)(i)(II).

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