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Senators Parent and Starr move that the Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended by adding a new Sec. 32a to read:
Sec. 32a. 10 V.S.A. § 6001(3)(D) is amended to read:

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

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(ix) The construction of improvements or land uses on a tract of land primarily devoted to farming, as defined in subdivision (22) of this section, and that is subject to the State’s Required Agricultural Practices, provided that:

(I) The proposed improvements or uses are ancillary to the farming activity, constituting accessory on-farm business as defined by 24 V.S.A. § 4412(11); and

(II) If the accessory on-farm business derives that status solely through educational, recreational, or social events under 24 V.S.A. § 4412(11)(A)(i)(II), in order to be eligible for the benefit of this subsection, agricultural practices and qualifying products shall be featured prominently as integral components of the event, including being featured in any event promotional materials; and

(III) The total area of improvements associated with the accessory on-farm business does not exceed half an acre (0.5 acres).