

1 S.235

2 Introduced by Senators Bray, Starr, Clarkson and Lyons

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Conservation and development; land use; Act 250; agriculture;  
6 agritourism; agricultural businesses

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to study the  
8 issue of how Act 250 jurisdiction should apply to agricultural businesses.

9 An act relating to Act 250 jurisdiction over agricultural businesses

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

11 Sec. 1. REPORT; ACT 250 JURISDICTION OVER AGRICULTURAL  
12 BUSINESSES

13 On or before January 15, 2023, the Natural Resources Board shall submit to  
14 the General Assembly a report with recommendations on how Act 250  
15 jurisdiction should be applied to agricultural businesses, including those  
16 located on properties already operating as farms. The report shall address the  
17 current land use planning requirements for farms and farms with accessory on-  
18 farm businesses and whether different types of businesses associated with  
19 farms and farming require different levels of review. The report may consider  
20 whether or not the location of such businesses is relevant and may consider the

1 designation or adoption of agricultural business innovation zones with different  
2 levels of review.

3 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.