

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Appropriations to which was referred Senate Bill No. 60
3 entitled “An act relating to establishing the Farm Security Special Fund to
4 provide grants for farm losses due to weather conditions” respectfully reports
5 that it has considered the same and recommends that the report of the
6 Committee on Agriculture, Food Resiliency, and Forestry be amended as
7 follows:

8 First: In Sec. 1, findings, in subdivision (1), after “and other” and before
9 “disasters” by striking out “climate-fueled” and inserting in lieu thereof
10 “weather-based”

11 and in subdivision (4)(A), after “food security,” and before “rural
12 economic” by striking out “climate resilience,”
13 and in subdivision (4)(C), after “operations impacted by” and before
14 “emergencies” by striking out “climate” and inserting in lieu thereof “weather-
15 based”

16 Second: In Sec. 2, 6 V.S.A. chapter 207, in the new subchapter heading, by
17 striking out “Subchapter 4” and inserting in lieu thereof “Subchapter 5”

18 Third: In Sec. 2, 6 V.S.A. chapter 207, in section 4631, in the section
19 heading, by striking out “4631” and inserting in lieu thereof “4641”

20 Fourth: In Sec. 2, 6 V.S.A. chapter 207, in section 4631, in subdivision (3),
21 by striking out “4634” and inserting in lieu thereof “4644”

1 **Fifth:** In Sec. 2, 6 V.S.A. chapter 207, in the section
2 heading, by striking out “4632” and inserting in lieu thereof “4642”
3 **Sixth:** In Sec. 2, 6 V.S.A. chapter 207, in section 4633, in the section
4 heading, by striking out “4633” and inserting in lieu thereof “4643”
5 and by striking out subsection (b) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof
6 the following:
7 (b) The Secretary shall develop a streamlined application for awards under
8 this section that shall include:
9 (1) a brief description of the damage that occurred;
10 (2) attestation of an eligible weather condition or event;
11 (3) a list of any State grants or loans received for the purposes of the
12 farm or forestry operation business in the past five years, to include amount,
13 source, and purposes of the funding received;
14 (4) an estimate of losses; and
15 (5) a year-end report of farm or forestry operation income and expenses.
16 **Seventh:** In Sec. 2, 6 V.S.A. chapter 207, in section 4634, in the section
17 heading, by striking out “4634” and inserting in lieu thereof “4644”
18 **Eighth:** In Sec. 2, 6 V.S.A. chapter 207, in section 4634, in subdivision
19 (c)(1), in the first sentence, by striking out “subdivision (b)(3)” and inserting in
20 lieu thereof “subdivision (b)(4)”

1 and in subdivision (c)(1), in the third sentence, by striking out “subdivision
2 (b)(4)” and inserting in lieu thereof “subdivision (b)(5)”

3 and in subdivision (c)(1), in the fourth sentence, by striking out
4 “subdivision (b)(5)” and inserting in lieu thereof “subdivision (b)(6)”

5 Ninth: By adding Sec. 2b to read as follows:

6 Sec. 2b. CONTIGENCY OF FUNDING

7 The duty to implement Sec. 2 of this act, Farm and Forestry Operations
8 Security Special Fund, is contingent upon an appropriation of funds in fiscal
9 year 2027 from the General Fund to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and
10 Markets for the specific purposes described in Sec. 2 of this act.

11 Tenth: In Sec. 3, effective date, by striking out “2025” and inserting in lieu
12 thereof “2026”

13 (Committee vote: _____)

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15 Representative _____

16 FOR THE COMMITTEE