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SENATOR WAUGH, AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, IN SENATE, AS
AMENDED, MARCH 13, 2001

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 30, 1981 (P.L.128, No.43), entitled "An
2 act authorizing the creation of agricultural areas," further
3 defining "agricultural conservation easement" and
4 "agricultural production"; defining "parcel"; ~~and~~ further <—
5 providing FOR AGRICULTURAL SECURITY AREAS AND for purchase of <—
6 agricultural conservation easements; PROVIDING FOR A <—
7 SUPPLEMENTAL AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT PURCHASE
8 PROGRAM; AND MAKING A REPEAL.

9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
10 hereby enacts as follows:

11 Section 1. The definitions of "agricultural conservation
12 easement" and "agricultural production" in section 3 of the act
13 of June 30, 1981 (P.L.128, No.43), known as the Agricultural
14 Area Security Law, amended November 23, 1994 (P.L.621, No.96),
15 are amended and the section is amended by adding a definition to
16 read:

17 Section 3. Definitions.

1 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
2 have the meanings given to them in this section, unless the
3 context clearly indicates otherwise:

4 * * *

5 "Agricultural conservation easement." An interest in land,
6 less than fee simple, which interest represents the right to
7 prevent the development or improvement of [the land] a parcel
8 for any purpose other than agricultural production. The easement
9 may be granted by the owner of the fee simple to any third party
10 or to the Commonwealth, to a county governing body or to a unit
11 of local government. It shall be granted in perpetuity as the
12 equivalent of covenants running with the land. The exercise or
13 failure to exercise any right granted by the easement shall not
14 be deemed to be management or control of activities at the site
15 for purposes of enforcement of the act of October 18, 1988
16 (P.L.756, No.108), known as the "Hazardous Sites Cleanup Act."

17 "Agricultural production." The production for commercial
18 purposes of crops, livestock and livestock products, including
19 the processing or retail marketing of such crops, livestock or
20 livestock products if more than 50% of such processed or
21 merchandised products are produced by the farm operator. The
22 term includes use of land which is devoted to and meets the
23 requirements of and qualifications for payments or other
24 compensation pursuant to a soil conservation program under an
25 agreement with an agency of the Federal Government.

26 * * *

27 "Parcel." A tract of land in its entirety which is assessed
28 for tax purposes by one county, including any portion of that
29 tract that may be located in a neighboring county. The county
30 responsible for assessing an entire tract, on its own or in

1 conjunction with either the Commonwealth or a local government
2 unit, or both, shall be eligible to purchase agricultural
3 conservation easements covering the entire tract.

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5 SECTION 2. SECTION 5(A.2) OF THE ACT, AMENDED NOVEMBER 23, <—
6 1994 (P.L.648, NO.100), IS AMENDED TO READ:

7 SECTION 5. AGRICULTURAL SECURITY AREAS.

8 * * *

9 (A.2) PROPOSALS FOR AGRICULTURAL SECURITY AREAS IN MORE THAN
10 ONE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT.--[IF]

11 (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2), IF THE LAND
12 INCLUDED IN A PROPOSAL FOR AN AGRICULTURAL SECURITY AREA IS
13 SITUATED IN MORE THAN ONE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT, THE
14 FOLLOWING SHALL APPLY:

15 (I) THE PROPOSAL SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO, AND APPROVAL
16 OF THE PROPOSAL SHALL BE SOUGHT FROM, THE GOVERNING BODY
17 OF EACH SUCH LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED.

18 (II) THE GOVERNING BODIES MAY COOPERATE IN THE
19 REVIEW OF A PROPOSED AGRICULTURAL SECURITY AREA AND MAY
20 PROVIDE JOINT PUBLIC NOTICES, A JOINT AGRICULTURAL
21 SECURITY AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND A JOINT PUBLIC
22 HEARING ON THE SECURITY AREA.

23 (III) A REJECTION BY A GOVERNING BODY SHALL EXCLUDE
24 THAT PORTION OF THE PROPOSAL WHICH IS SITUATED WITHIN THE
25 LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT. HOWEVER, SUCH REJECTION SHALL NOT
26 PRECLUDE THE APPROVAL OF THE REMAINING PORTION OF THE
27 PROPOSAL, INCLUDING LAND SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2), AS AN
28 AGRICULTURAL SECURITY AREA BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
29 OTHER AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, PROVIDED THAT THE
30 TOTAL ACREAGE APPROVED IS AT LEAST 250 ACRES AND THAT

SUCH APPROVED PORTION MEETS ALL OTHER REQUIREMENTS
IMPOSED UNDER THIS ACT FOR AGRICULTURAL SECURITY AREAS.

(2) AUTOMATIC INCLUSION SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

(I) ALL LAND WHICH IS PART OF A PARCEL OF FARMLAND
INCLUDED IN THE PROPOSAL AND TRANSECTED BY THE DIVIDING
LINE BETWEEN TWO LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS SHALL
AUTOMATICALLY BECOME PART OF THE AGRICULTURAL SECURITY
IF:

(A) THE MAJORITY OF THE VIABLE AGRICULTURAL LAND
OF THE PARCEL IS LOCATED WITHIN THE PROPOSED
AGRICULTURAL SECURITY AREA; AND

(B) THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT IN WHICH THE
MINORITY OF THE VIABLE AGRICULTURAL LAND OF THE
PARCEL IS LOCATED HAS NOT APPROVED AN AGRICULTURAL
SECURITY AREA.

(II) THE GOVERNING BODY WHICH APPROVES THE
AGRICULTURAL SECURITY AREA CONTAINING THE LAND UNDER
SUBPARAGRAPH (I)(A) IS RESPONSIBLE FOR RECORDING, FILING
AND NOTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 8 FOR THE LAND ADDED UNDER
THIS PARAGRAPH.

(III) A LANDOWNER MAY RESUBMIT, UNDER THIS
PARAGRAPH, PRIOR PROPOSALS WHICH:

(A) WOULD BE GOVERNED BY THIS PARAGRAPH; BUT

(B) WERE MADE PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF
THIS PARAGRAPH.

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Section 2 3. Section 14.1(b) introductory paragraph and (2), <—
(b.1)(4), (d)(1), (e)(1) and (g) of the act, amended or added
November 23, 1994 (P.L.621, No.96), November 23, 1994 (P.L.648,
No.100) and December 21, 1998 (P.L.1056, No.138), are amended to

1 read:

2 Section 14.1. Purchase of agricultural conservation easements.

3 * * *

4 (b) County programs.--After the establishment of an
5 agricultural security area by the governing body, the county
6 governing body may authorize a program to be administered by the
7 county board for purchasing agricultural conservation easements
8 from landowners whose land is either within an agricultural
9 security area or in compliance with the criteria set forth in
10 paragraph (2)(i).

11 * * *

12 (2) It shall be the duty and responsibility of the
13 county board to exercise the following powers:

14 (i) (A) To adopt rules and regulations for the
15 administration of a [countywide] county program for
16 the purchase of agricultural conservation easements
17 [within agricultural security areas] in accordance
18 with the provisions of this act, including, but not
19 limited to, rules and regulations governing the
20 submission of applications by landowners,
21 establishing standards and procedures for the
22 appraisal of property eligible for purchase as an
23 agricultural conservation easement and establishing
24 standards and procedures for the selection or
25 purchase of agricultural conservation easements.

26 (B) To include in such rules and regulations,
27 standards and procedures for the selection or
28 purchase of agricultural conservation easements, by
29 the county solely or jointly with either the
30 Commonwealth or a local government unit, or both, on

1 that portion of a parcel which is not within an
2 agricultural security area if all of the following
3 criteria are complied with:

4 (I) The land is part of a parcel of farm
5 land which is bisected by the dividing line
6 between two local government units.

7 (II) The majority of the farm's viable
8 agricultural land is located within an existing
9 agricultural security area. Upon purchase of an
10 easement covering the portion of the parcel which
11 is not located within an agricultural security
12 area, that portion of the parcel shall
13 immediately become part of the previously
14 established agricultural security area which
15 contains a majority of the farm's viable
16 agricultural land. The governing body which
17 created the agricultural security area which
18 contains a majority of the farm's viable
19 agricultural land shall be responsible for the
20 recording, filing and notification outlined in
21 section 8(d) and (g) concerning land added to the
22 agricultural security area pursuant to this
23 clause.

24 (C) To include in such rules and regulations,
25 standards and procedures for the selection or
26 purchase of agricultural conservation easements, by
27 the county solely or jointly with either the
28 Commonwealth or a local government unit, or both, on
29 that portion of a parcel located in an adjoining
30 county if all of the following criteria are complied

1 with:

2 (I) The land is part of a parcel of farm
3 land which is bisected by the dividing line
4 between the purchasing county and the adjoining
5 county.

6 (II) Either a mansion house is located on
7 that portion of the parcel which is within the
8 purchasing county or the dividing line between
9 the counties bisects the mansion house and the
10 owner of the parcel has chosen the purchasing
11 county as the situs of assessment for tax
12 purposes, or, if there is no mansion house on the
13 parcel, the majority of the farm's viable
14 agricultural land is located in the purchasing
15 county.

16 (III) The portion of the parcel located in
17 the purchasing county is within an agricultural
18 security area. Upon purchase of an easement by
19 the purchasing county covering that portion of
20 the parcel located in the adjoining county, the
21 portion of the parcel located in the adjoining
22 county shall immediately become part of the
23 agricultural security area previously established
24 in the purchasing county. The governing body
25 which created the agricultural security area in
26 the purchasing county shall be responsible for
27 the recording, filing and notification outlined
28 in section 8(d) and (g) concerning land added to
29 the agricultural security area pursuant to this
30 clause.

1 (ii) To adopt rules of procedure and bylaws
2 governing the operation of the county board and the
3 conduct of its meetings.

4 (iii) To execute agreements to purchase agricultural
5 conservation easements in the name of the county.

6 (iv) To purchase in the name of the county
7 agricultural conservation easements either within
8 agricultural security areas or pursuant to the criteria
9 set forth in subparagraph (i).

10 (v) To use moneys appropriated by the county
11 governing body from the county general fund to hire staff
12 and administer the [countywide] county program.

13 (vi) To use moneys appropriated by the county
14 governing body from the county general fund or the
15 proceeds of indebtedness incurred by the county and
16 approved by the county governing body for the purchase of
17 agricultural conservation easements either within
18 agricultural security areas or pursuant to the criteria
19 set forth in subparagraph (i).

20 (vii) To establish and maintain a repository of
21 records of farm lands which are subject to agricultural
22 conservation easements purchased by the county [and which
23 are located within the county].

24 (viii) To record agricultural conservation easements
25 purchased by the county in the office of the recorder of
26 deeds of the county wherein the agricultural conservation
27 easements are located and to submit to the State board a
28 certified copy of agricultural conservation easements
29 within 30 days after recording. The county board shall
30 attach to all certified copies of the agricultural

1 conservation easements submitted to the State board a
2 description of the farm land subject to the agricultural
3 conservation easements.

4 (ix) To submit to the State board for review the
5 initial county program and any proposed revisions to
6 approved county programs for purchasing agricultural
7 conservation easements.

8 (x) To recommend to the State board for purchase by
9 the Commonwealth agricultural conservation easements
10 within agricultural security areas located within the
11 county.

12 (xi) To recommend to the State board the purchase of
13 agricultural conservation easements by the Commonwealth
14 and the county jointly.

15 (xii) To purchase agricultural conservation
16 easements jointly with the Commonwealth.

17 (xiii) To exercise other powers which are necessary
18 and appropriate for the exercise and performance of its
19 duties, powers and responsibilities under this act.

20 (xiv) To submit to the State board applications for
21 agricultural conservation easements in accordance with
22 the guidebook authorized under subsection (a)(3)(xv).

23 (xv) To exercise primary enforcement authority with
24 respect to the following:

25 (A) Agricultural conservation easements within
26 the county.

27 (B) Agricultural conservation easements acquired
28 pursuant to the criteria set forth in subparagraph
29 (i), including any portion of such an agricultural
30 conservation easement extending into an adjoining

1 county.

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3 (b.1) Local government unit participation.--Any local
4 government unit that has created an agricultural security area
5 may participate along with an eligible county and the
6 Commonwealth in the preservation of farmland through the
7 purchase of agricultural conservation easements.

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9 (4) The local government unit may purchase an
10 agricultural conservation easement, provided that all of the
11 following apply:

12 (i) The agricultural conservation easement is
13 located within an agricultural security area of at least
14 500 acres or the easement purchase is a joint purchase
15 with either a county or both a county and the
16 Commonwealth pursuant to the criteria set forth in
17 subsection (b)(2)(i).

18 (ii) The deed of agricultural conservation easement
19 is at least as restrictive as the deed of agricultural
20 conservation easement prescribed by the State board for
21 agricultural conservation easements purchased by the
22 Commonwealth.

23 (iii) The local government unit shall participate
24 with the county board in complying with paragraph (5) for
25 recording any agricultural conservation easement
26 purchased by the local government unit.

27 * * *

28 (d) Program approval.--

29 (1) The standards, criteria and requirements established
30 by the State board for State board approval of county

1 programs for purchasing agricultural conservation easements
2 shall include, but not be limited to, the extent to which the
3 county programs consider and address the following:

4 (i) The quality of the farmlands subject to the
5 proposed easements, including soil classification and
6 soil productivity ratings. Farmland considered should
7 include soils which do not have the highest soil
8 classifications and soil productivity ratings but which
9 are conducive to producing crops unique to the area.

10 (ii) The likelihood that the farmlands would be
11 converted to nonagricultural use unless subject to an
12 agricultural conservation easement. Areas in the county
13 devoted primarily to agricultural use where development
14 is occurring or is likely to occur in the next 20 years
15 should be identified. For purposes of considering the
16 likelihood of conversion, the existence of a zoning
17 classification of the land shall not be relevant, but the
18 market for nonfarm use or development of farmlands shall
19 be relevant.

20 (ii.1) Proximity of the farmlands subject to
21 proposed easements to other agricultural [lands] parcels
22 in the county which are subject to agricultural
23 conservation easements.

24 (iii) The stewardship of the land and use of
25 conservation practices and best land management
26 practices, including, but not limited to, soil erosion
27 and sedimentation control and nutrient management.

28 (iv) Fair, equitable, objective and
29 nondiscriminatory procedures for determining purchase
30 priorities.

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2 (e) Easement purchase.--

3 (1) The State board may reject the recommendation made
4 by a county for purchase of an agricultural conservation
5 easement whenever:

6 (i) The recommendation does not comply with a county
7 program certified and approved by the State board for
8 purchasing agricultural conservation easements.

9 (ii) Clear title cannot be conveyed.

10 (iii) The farmland which would be subject to the
11 agricultural conservation easement is either not located
12 within a duly established agricultural security area of
13 500 or more acres established or recognized under this
14 act or not in compliance with the criteria set forth in
15 subsection (b)(2)(i).

16 (iv) The allocation of a county established pursuant
17 to subsection (h) is exhausted or is insufficient to pay
18 the purchase price.

19 (v) Compensation is not provided to owners of
20 surface-mineable coal disturbed or affected by the
21 creation of such easement.

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23 (g) Purchase price.--The price paid for purchase of an
24 agricultural conservation easement in perpetuity shall not
25 exceed the difference between the nonagricultural value and the
26 agricultural value determined pursuant to subsection (f) at the
27 time of purchase, unless the difference is less than the State
28 or county boards' original appraised value in which case the
29 State or county boards' original easement value may be offered.
30 [However, under no circumstances shall the price paid for

1 purchase of an agricultural conservation easement in perpetuity
2 exceed \$10,000 per acre of State funds.] The purchase price may
3 be paid in a lump sum, in installments over a period of years,
4 or in any other lawful manner of payment. If payment is to be
5 made in installments or another deferred method, the person
6 selling the easement may receive, in addition to the selling
7 price, interest in an amount or at a rate set forth in the
8 agreement of purchase, and final payment of all State money
9 shall be made within, and no later than, five years from the
10 date the agricultural conservation easement purchase agreement
11 was fully executed. The county may provide for payments on an
12 installment or other deferred basis and for interest payments by
13 investing its allocation of State money for purchases approved
14 by the State board under subsection (h)(11) in securities
15 deposited into an irrevocable escrow account or in another
16 manner provided by law.

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18 SECTION 4. THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SECTION TO READ: <—
19 SECTION 14.5. SUPPLEMENTAL AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT
20 PURCHASE PROGRAM.

21 (A) ESTABLISHMENT.--THERE IS ESTABLISHED THE SUPPLEMENTAL
22 AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT PURCHASE PROGRAM. FUNDS
23 APPROPRIATED FOR THE PROGRAM SHALL BE ALLOCATED BY THE STATE
24 BOARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING:

25 (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3), FUNDS
26 MAY BE ALLOCATED TO ELIGIBLE COUNTIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH
27 SECTION 14.1(H)(8.1) AND (8.2) FOR ANY PURPOSE AUTHORIZED
28 UNDER THIS ACT.

29 (2) UP TO \$500,000 MAY BE ALLOCATED TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL
30 ASSISTANCE TO ELIGIBLE COUNTIES OR GROUPS OF ELIGIBLE

1 COUNTIES REGARDING LONG-TERM INSTALLMENT PURCHASES OF
2 AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENTS IN THIS COMMONWEALTH. AN
3 ELIGIBLE COUNTY MUST FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE STATE BOARD
4 TO RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT OR PAYMENT UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH.
5 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE MAY INCLUDE DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS WITH
6 INDIVIDUALS WITH LEGAL OR FINANCIAL EXPERTISE TO ASSIST
7 ELIGIBLE COUNTIES. FUNDS MAY BE USED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE
8 EXPENSES OF THE DEPARTMENT INCURRED UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH.

9 (3) UP TO \$500,000 MAY BE ALLOCATED TO REIMBURSE LAND
10 TRUSTS FOR EXPENSES INCURRED TO ACQUIRE AGRICULTURAL
11 CONSERVATION EASEMENTS IN THIS COMMONWEALTH. ELIGIBLE
12 EXPENSES INCLUDE THE COST OF APPRAISALS, LEGAL SERVICES,
13 TITLE SEARCHES, DOCUMENT PREPARATION, TITLE INSURANCE,
14 CLOSING FEES AND SURVEY COSTS. REIMBURSEMENT SHALL BE LIMITED
15 TO \$5,000 PER EASEMENT. FUNDS MAY BE USED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE
16 EXPENSES OF THE DEPARTMENT INCURRED UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH. IN
17 ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH, A LAND TRUST MUST:

18 (I) BE A TAX-EXEMPT INSTITUTION UNDER SECTION
19 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986 (PUBLIC
20 LAW 99-514, 26 U.S.C. § 501(C)(3)) AND INCLUDE THE
21 ACQUISITION OF AGRICULTURAL OR OTHER CONSERVATION
22 EASEMENTS IN ITS STATED PURPOSE;

23 (II) REGISTER WITH THE STATE BOARD;

24 (III) COORDINATE WITH THE FARMLAND PRESERVATION
25 ACTIVITIES OF THE COUNTY IF THE FARMLAND PRESERVATION
26 ACTIVITY OCCURS IN AN ELIGIBLE COUNTY OR COORDINATE WITH
27 THE ACTIVITIES OF THE STATE BOARD IF THE ACTIVITY DOES
28 NOT OCCUR IN AN ELIGIBLE COUNTY; AND

29 (IV) SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE BOARD WITH A
30 STATEMENT OF COSTS INCIDENTAL TO THE ACQUISITION, THE

1 DEED OF EASEMENT AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED BY
2 THE STATE BOARD, WITHIN 60 DAYS OF CLOSING ON THE
3 EASEMENT.

4 (B) ACCOUNT.--AN ACCOUNT IS ESTABLISHED IN THE FUND, TO BE
5 KNOWN AS THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT
6 PURCHASE ACCOUNT. ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL
7 AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT PURCHASE PROGRAM SHALL BE
8 DEPOSITED IN THE ACCOUNT FOR ALLOCATION UNDER THIS SECTION.

9 (C) LOCAL APPROPRIATION.--WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE EFFECTIVE
10 DATE OF ANY ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS TO THE PROGRAM, ELIGIBLE
11 COUNTIES SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL LOCAL
12 MONEY FOR THE PURCHASE OF AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENTS
13 FOR THE CURRENT COUNTY FISCAL YEAR. THIS ADDITIONAL LOCAL MONEY
14 SHALL BE INCLUDED WHEN DETERMINING EACH ELIGIBLE COUNTY'S SHARE
15 OF MONEY ALLOCATED UNDER THIS SECTION FOR SUPPLEMENTAL
16 AGRICULTURAL EASEMENT PURCHASE PROGRAMS UNDER METHODOLOGIES IN
17 SECTION 14.1(H)(8.1) AND (8.2).

18 Section 3 5. Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the <—
19 contrary, any agricultural conservation easement purchased
20 solely by a county prior to the effective date of this section,
21 which easement covered that portion of a farm parcel bisected by
22 a county border located within the purchasing county, shall be
23 considered eligible for repurchase by the Commonwealth or by the
24 Commonwealth in conjunction with county or local programs. The
25 value of such an easement, for the purposes of repurchase by the
26 Commonwealth or repurchase by the combined moneys of the
27 Commonwealth and a county or municipality, or both, shall be
28 calculated as the sum of the original easement purchase price
29 plus both administrative costs incurred by the county to
30 purchase the original easement and administrative costs incurred

1 by the county and associated with the repurchase. Any moneys
2 contributed by the Commonwealth for repurchase of such an
3 easement shall be paid to the county as the current easement
4 holder and applied to the purchase of other agricultural
5 conservation easements.

6 SECTION 6. SECTION 1716 OF THE ACT OF APRIL 9, 1929 <—
7 (P.L.177, NO.175), KNOWN AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1929, IS
8 REPEALED.

9 SECTION 7. THE FOLLOWING SHALL APPLY TO FUNDING:

10 (1) THE ADDITION OF SECTION 14.5 OF THE ACT SHALL BE
11 DEEMED A CONTINUATION OF SECTION 1716 OF THE ACT OF APRIL 9,
12 1929 (P.L.177, NO.175), KNOWN AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF
13 1929.

14 (2) SECTION 6 OF THIS ACT SHALL NOT AFFECT FUNDING FOR
15 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT PURCHASE
16 PROGRAM.

17 Section 4 8. Within 90 days of the effective date of this <—
18 section, the Department of Agriculture shall propose regulations
19 implementing the provisions of this act OTHER THAN SECTION 2 <—
20 (SECTION 5(A.2)).

21 Section 5 9. This act shall take effect in 30 days. <—