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Amend the amendment in section 2 in the 4th line (page 1, line 31 in amendment) by striking out the following: "2012" and inserting the following: '2013'

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 3 and inserting the following:

**‘Sec. 3 Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Land and Water Quality 0248**

Initiative: Appropriates funds on a one-time basis for the Department of Environmental Protection to review statutes and rules including setbacks and forage and pasture regulations that restrict use of lands for agricultural purposes, to consult with the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, to solicit data from farmers and agricultural associations and to report findings and recommendations to the Legislature no later than January 15, 2013.

| GENERAL FUND       | 2011-12 | 2012-13 |
|--------------------|---------|---------|
| All Other          | \$0     | \$3,000 |
| GENERAL FUND TOTAL | \$0     | \$3,000 |

; and be it further

**Sec. 4 Effective date. Resolved:** That this resolve takes effect July 1, 2012.’

**SUMMARY**

This amendment changes the date by which the Department of Environmental Protection must present its report to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry from January 15, 2012 to January 15, 2013. The amendment also adds an effective date of July 1, 2012. The amendment changes the one-time General Fund appropriation from fiscal year 2011-12 to fiscal year 2012-13.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
**(See attached)**