BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 588

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike in their entirety lines 2 through 4, inclusive, and substitute "Ethics - Employees or Officials of the Department of Agriculture - Exemption from Conflict of Interest Provisions"; and strike beginning with "exempting" in line 5 down through "restrictions" in line 15 and substitute "authorizing the Ethics Commission to grant an exemption from certain provisions of the State ethics law for an official or employee of the Department of Agriculture at the request of the Secretary of Agriculture under certain circumstances; and generally relating to requests for and the granting of exemptions from certain provisions of the State ethics law".

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 16 on page 1 through line 4 on page 2, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 through 5, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 12 on page 2 through line 19 on page 5, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 6, in line 12, strike the brackets; and strike beginning with "; OR" in line 16 down through "<u>AGRICULTURE</u>" in line 24.

On page 7, after line 3, insert:

"2. A. AT THE REQUEST OF THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, FOR A PUBLIC OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE; OR";

in line 4, strike "2." and substitute "B."; and in line 9, strike "June" and substitute "October".