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BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 558

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 8, after "<u>regulations</u>;" insert "<u>requiring the Department and the State Ethics Commission to prepare and submit a certain report to the General Assembly;".</u>

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, after line 13, insert:

"SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on or before December 31, 2010, the Department of Agriculture and the State Ethics Commission shall jointly prepare and submit a report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, that includes:

- (a) The number of employees hired by the Department, on or after October 1, 2007, who own or operate a farm;
- (b) The positions for which the employees identified in subsection (a) of this section were hired; and
- (c) <u>Information on how the Department addressed any conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest in hiring the employees identified in subsection (a) of this section."</u>;

and in line 14, strike "2." and substitute "3.".