



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 246**

February Session, 2024

Substitute Senate Bill No. 193

*Senate, April 4, 2024*

The Committee on Environment reported through SEN. LOPES of the 6th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT REQUIRING LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL OF THE EVICTION OF FARMERS OPERATING ON CERTAIN STATE-OWNED PROPERTY.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding any  
2 provision of the general statutes, any lease renewed or entered into after  
3 the effective date of this section between the Commissioner of  
4 Agriculture or the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental  
5 Protection and a farmer for the lease of state property for agricultural  
6 purposes shall provide that any eviction of such farmer from such  
7 property shall not be permitted unless such eviction is approved by a  
8 vote of both chambers of the General Assembly.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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**ENV**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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### **OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

### **Explanation**

The bill, which requires the Legislature to approve evictions of farmers that lease state property, has no fiscal impact.

### **The Out Years**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY**

This bill requires that any new or renewed lease that the agriculture or energy and environmental protection commissioner enters into after the bill's effective date with a farmer to lease state land for agricultural purposes must provide that the farmer cannot be evicted from the land unless approved by both chambers of the legislature.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 26 Nay 8 (03/20/2024)