

1 Introduced by
2 Referred to Committee on
3 Date:
4 Subject: <Subject>
5 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to <Purpose>

6 An act relating to <Title>

7 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

8 Sec. 1. 32 V.S.A. § 9701(54)-(57) are added to read:

9 (54) “Crops, livestock and livestock products” shall include the
10 following:

11 (A) field crops, including corn, wheat, oats, rye, barley, hay, potatoes
12 and dry beans;

13 (B) fruits, including apples, peaches, grapes, cherries and berries;

14 (C) vegetables and herbs;

15 (D) horticultural specialties, including nursery stock, ornamental
16 shrubs, ornamental trees and flowers;

17 (E) livestock and livestock products, including cattle, sheep, hogs,
18 goats, horses, poultry, ratites, such as ostriches, emus, rheas and kiwis, farmed
19 deer, farmed buffalo, fur bearing animals, wool bearing animals, such as
20 alpacas and llamas, milk, eggs and furs;

1 (F) maple sap;

2 (G) Christmas trees derived from a managed Christmas tree operation
3 whether dug for transplanting or cut from the stump;

4 (H) aquaculture products, including fish, fish products, water plants
5 and shellfish;

6 (I) apiary products, including honey, beeswax, royal jelly, bee pollen,
7 propolis, package bees, nucs and queens. For the purposes of this paragraph,
8 “nucs” shall mean small honey bee colonies created from larger colonies
9 including the nuc box, which is a smaller version of a beehive, designed to
10 hold up to five frames from an existing colony.

11 (55) “Farming” means agriculture, floriculture, horticulture, aquaculture
12 and silviculture; stock, dairy, poultry, fruit, fur bearing animal, graping,
13 truck and tree farming; ranching; operating nurseries, greenhouses, vineyard
14 trellises or other similar structures used primarily for the raising of
15 agricultural, horticultural, vinicultural, viticultural, floricultural or silvicultural
16 commodities; operating orchards; raising, growing and harvesting crops,
17 livestock and livestock products, and raising, growing and harvesting
18 woodland products as part of a timber operation, including timber, logs,
19 lumber, pulpwood, posts and firewood.

20 (56) “Farm operation” means the land and on-farm buildings, equipment,
21 manure processing and handling facilities, and practices which contribute to

1 the production, preparation and marketing of crops, livestock and livestock
2 products as a commercial enterprise, including a “timber operation” as defined
3 in this section.

4 (57) “Timber operation” means the on-farm production, management,
5 harvesting, processing and marketing of timber grown on the farm operation
6 into woodland products, including logs, lumber, posts and firewood, provided
7 that such farm operation consists of at least seven acres and produces for sale
8 crops, livestock or livestock products of an annual gross sales value of ten
9 thousand dollars or more and that the annual gross sales value of such
10 processed woodland products does not exceed the annual gross sales value of
11 such crops, livestock or livestock products.

12 Sec. 2. 32 V.S.A. § 9741(3) is amended to read:

13 § 9741. SALES NOT COVERED

14 Retail sales and use of the following shall be exempt from the tax on retail
15 sales imposed under section 9771 of this title and the use tax imposed under
16 section 9773 of this title.

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18 (3)(A) [Anything in this subsection is automatically exempt]

19 Agriculture feeds, seed, plants, baler twine, silage bags, agricultural wrap,
20 sheets of plastic for bunker covers, liming materials, breeding and other

1 livestock, semen breeding fees, baby chicks, turkey poults, agriculture
2 chemicals other than pesticides, veterinary supplies, and bedding; ~~and,~~

3 (B) [Anything in this subsection is exempt if used predominately in
4 farming] ~~fertilizers~~ Fertilizers and pesticides for use and consumption ~~directly~~
5 predominately in the production for sale of tangible personal property ~~on~~
6 ~~farms, including stock, dairy, poultry, fruit and truck farms, orchards,~~
7 ~~nurseries, or in greenhouses or other similar structures used primarily for the~~
8 ~~raising of agricultural or horticultural commodities for sale. by farming.~~ As
9 used in this subsection, “predominately” means more than 50% of the time the
10 item is in use.

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12 (25) Sales of agricultural machinery and equipment for use and
13 consumption ~~directly and exclusively, except for isolated or occasional uses, in~~
14 ~~the production for sale of tangible personal property on farms (including stock,~~
15 ~~dairy, poultry, fruit, and truck farms), orchards, nurseries, or in greenhouses or~~
16 ~~other similar structures used primarily for the raising of agricultural or~~
17 ~~horticultural commodities for sale. It shall be rebuttably presumed that uses are~~
18 ~~not isolated or occasional if they total more than four percent of the time the~~
19 ~~machinery or equipment is operated. predominately in a farm operation. As~~
20 used in this subsection, “predominately” means more than 50 percent of the
21 time the machinery or equipment is in use.

- 1 Sec. X. EFFECTIVE DATE
- 2 This act shall take effect on