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2 Introduced by Representatives Botzow of Pownal, Carr of Brandon, Cross of

3 Winooski, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Kupersmith of South

4 Burlington, Marcotte of Coventry, and Ralston of Middlebury

5 Referred to Committee on

6 Date:

7 Subject: Commerce and trade; Vermont Agricultural Credit Corporation

8 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to expand the  
9 scope of the Vermont Agricultural Credit Corporation to include forestry and  
10 forest products, and to expand the amount VACC can lend to a borrower.

11 An act relating to expanding the authority of the Vermont Agricultural  
12 Credit Corporation

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

14 Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. chapter 16A is amended to read:

15 CHAPTER 16A. VERMONT AGRICULTURAL CREDIT PROGRAM

16 § 374a. CREATION OF THE VERMONT AGRICULTURAL CREDIT

17 PROGRAM

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19 (b) No borrower shall be approved for a loan from the corporation that  
20 would result in the aggregate principal balances outstanding of all loans to that

1 borrower exceeding the then-current maximum Farm Service Agency loan  
2 guarantee limits, or \$2,000,000.00, whichever is greater.

3 § 374b. DEFINITIONS

4 As used in this chapter:

5 (1) “Agricultural facility” means land and rights in land, buildings,  
6 structures, machinery, and equipment which is used for, or will be used for  
7 producing, processing, preparing, packaging, storing, distributing, marketing,  
8 or transporting agricultural products which have been primarily produced in  
9 this ~~state~~ State, and working capital reasonably required to operate an  
10 agricultural facility.

11 (2) “Agricultural land” means real estate capable of supporting  
12 commercial farming or forestry, or both.

13 (3) “Agricultural products” mean crops, livestock, forest products, and  
14 other farm or forest commodities produced as a result of farming or forestry  
15 activities.

16 (4) “Farm ownership loan” means a loan to acquire or enlarge a farm or  
17 agricultural facility, to make capital improvements including construction,  
18 purchase, and improvement of farm and agricultural facility buildings that can  
19 be made fixtures to the real estate, to promote soil and water conservation and  
20 protection, and to refinance indebtedness incurred for farm ownership or  
21 operating loan purposes, or both.



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