AN ACT CONCERNING THE MILK REGULATION BOARD.

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

Section 1. (NEW) (Effective from passage) The Commissioner of Agriculture, in consultation with the Milk Regulation Board, shall, not later than January 1, 2005, adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, regarding a system of milk prices, premiums and fees. Such regulations may include (1) a minimum price to be paid by milk dealers for Class I milk, Class II milk and Class III milk, as defined by the United States Department of Agriculture (7 CFR 1000), and (2) a premium to be paid by dealers or retailers to producers for milk. Such regulations shall take into account the price paid to milk dealers for the various classes or grades of milk defined by the Federal Milk Order applicable to Connecticut, the cost of producing milk in this state and the public interest.

This act shall take effect as follows:

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