

**654.19 Deed in lieu of foreclosure — agricultural land.**

In lieu of a foreclosure action in court due to default on a recorded mortgage or deed of trust of real property, if the subject property is agricultural land used for farming, as defined in [section 9H.1](#), the mortgagee and mortgagor may enter into an agreement in which the mortgagor agrees to transfer the agricultural land to the mortgagee in satisfaction of all or part of the mortgage obligation as agreed upon by the parties. The agreement may grant the mortgagor a right to purchase the agricultural land for a period not to exceed five years, and may entitle the mortgagor to lease the agricultural land. The agreement shall be recorded with the deed transferring title to the mortgagee. A transfer of title and agreement pursuant to [this section](#) does not constitute an equitable mortgage.

[85 Acts, ch 252, §47](#)

Referred to in [§455B.751](#), [§615.4](#)