



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5058

LCO No. 787

Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
(ENV)

An Act Concerning Changes To Agriculture Statutes.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (a) No person may engage in the transportation of
2 milk or milk products by bulk milk pickup tanker to or from a farm,
3 milk plant, receiving station or transfer station in Connecticut unless
4 the owner of the bulk milk pickup tanker has been issued a permit for
5 such tanker by the Commissioner of Agriculture. The commissioner
6 shall furnish forms for the permits. A permit shall be valid for one year
7 and may be renewed if the tanker has satisfactorily completed the
8 inspection required in subsection (b) of this section.

9 (b) The commissioner shall inspect each bulk milk pickup tanker as
10 often as the commissioner deems necessary but no less often than
11 annually. If the inspection reveals construction or repair defects or the
12 need for significant cleaning, the commissioner may order a tanker
13 removed from service until such deficiencies are corrected.

14 (c) A copy of the current inspection report required under
15 subsection (b) of this section shall accompany the bulk milk pickup
16 tanker at all times.

17 (d) Notwithstanding the permit requirements of subsection (a) of
18 this section, the Commissioner of Agriculture shall recognize a permit
19 issued by another state or federal agency under any reciprocal
20 agreements between such agencies and this state or under any
21 supporting documents of the Grade A Pasteurized Milk Ordinance
22 pursuant to section 22-133 of the general statutes and no state or local
23 agency regulating the handling or transportation of milk or milk
24 products may require a bulk milk pickup tanker permit in addition to
25 a valid permit issued under this subsection or subsection (a) of this
26 section.

27 (e) Absent proof of a current permit and current inspection, a bulk
28 milk pickup tanker may be inspected by a regulatory agency other
29 than the Department of Agriculture. The regulatory agency may
30 inspect any such bulk milk pickup tanker at any time the milk or milk
31 products are transported in or out of that agency's jurisdiction.

32 Sec. 2. Section 22-455 of the general statutes is repealed and the
33 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

34 There is established a Connecticut Seafood Advisory Council to
35 assist in the promotion of Connecticut seafood products and examine
36 market opportunities. The advisory council shall consist of one
37 freshwater fish grower appointed by the Governor, two finfish,
38 shellfish or lobster harvesters or representatives of harvester
39 organizations appointed one each by the speaker and majority leader
40 of the House of Representatives, two finfish, shellfish or lobster
41 processors or representatives of processor organizations appointed one
42 each by the minority leaders of the Senate and House of
43 Representatives, one retailer serving restaurants or representing a
44 restaurant organization appointed by the president pro tempore of the
45 Senate, one member at-large appointed by the majority leader of the
46 Senate, and four nonvoting members one of whom shall represent the
47 Department of Environmental Protection, one the Department of
48 Economic and Community Development and one the Department of

49 Agriculture and one the Sea Grant Program at The University of
50 Connecticut. The advisory council shall be within the Department of
51 Agriculture.

52 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2000, except that section 2
53 shall take effect July 1, 2000.

Statement of Purpose:

To bring Connecticut statutes into compliance with the federal
Pasteurized Milk Ordinance and add a freshwater fish grower to the
Seafood Advisory Council.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]