



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 509***

LCO No. 1825

Referred to Committee on General Law

Introduced by:

(GL)

***AN ACT CONCERNING FARM WINE MANUFACTURED IN CONNECTICUT.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (e) of section 30-16 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2002*):

4 (e) A manufacturer permit for a farm winery shall be in all respects  
5 the same as a manufacturer permit, except that the scope of operations  
6 of the holder shall be limited to wine and brandies distilled from grape  
7 products or other fruit products, including grappa and eau-de-vie. As  
8 used in this section, "farm winery" means any place or premises,  
9 located on a farm in the state in which wine is manufactured and sold.  
10 Such permit shall authorize the sale in bulk by the holder thereof from  
11 the premises where the products are manufactured pursuant to such  
12 permit and shall authorize the holder thereof to sell from such farm  
13 winery premises to a retailer wine manufactured by the farm winery  
14 permittee in the original sealed containers of not more than fifteen  
15 gallons per container and to sell or deliver such wine or brandy to  
16 persons outside the state. Such permit shall also authorize: (1) The

17 offering and tasting of free samples of such wine or brandy to visitors  
18 and prospective retail customers for consumption on the premises of  
19 the farm winery permittee; (2) the selling at retail from the premises  
20 sealed bottles or other sealed containers of such wine or brandy for  
21 consumption off the premises; and (3) the selling at retail from the  
22 premises wine by the glass and bottle to visitors on the premises of the  
23 farm winery permittee for consumption on the premises, provided a  
24 town may, by ordinance or zoning regulation, prohibit any such  
25 offering, tasting or selling at retail at premises within such town for  
26 which a manufacturer permit for farm winery has been issued. No  
27 licensed farm winery may sell any such wine or brandy not  
28 manufactured [in] by such winery, except a farm winery may sell wine  
29 manufactured by another farm winery located in this state. The farm  
30 winery permittee shall produce within the state an average crop of  
31 fruit equal to not less than fifty-one per cent of the fruit used in the  
32 manufacture of the farm winery permittee's wine. An average crop  
33 shall be defined each year as the average yield of the farm winery  
34 permittee's two largest annual crops out of the preceding five years,  
35 except that during the first seven years from the date of issuance of a  
36 farm winery permit, an average crop shall be defined as three tons of  
37 grapes for each acre of vineyard farmed by the farm winery permittee.  
38 The annual fee for a manufacturer permit for a farm winery shall be  
39 two hundred forty dollars.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2002

**Statement of Purpose:**

To allow a farm winery to sell wine manufactured by another farm winery located in this state.

*[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.]*