



House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 6364

House of Representatives, March 27, 2003

The Committee on Environment reported through REP. WIDLITZ of the 98th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING LOCALLY GROWN FARM PRODUCTS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 22-38 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

3 [Only farm] Farm products grown and eggs produced in
4 Connecticut [or within a ten-mile radius of where they are sold] shall
5 be advertised or sold in Connecticut as "Native", "Native-Grown",
6 "Local", "Locally-Grown" or [under terms of similar import]
7 Connecticut-Grown. Farm products grown and eggs produced within
8 a ten-mile radius of the point of sale for such farm products or eggs
9 may be advertised or sold in Connecticut as "Native", "Native-Grown",
10 "Local", or "Locally-Grown". Any person, firm, partnership or
11 corporation advertising farm products as "Native", "Native-Grown",
12 "Local", [or] "Locally-Grown", or Connecticut-Grown shall be required
13 to furnish proof that such products were grown or produced [within
14 the specified region] in Connecticut or within a ten-mile radius of the

15 point of sale, as applicable, if requested to do so by the Commissioner
16 of Agriculture. Any person who violates any provision of this section
17 shall be fined not more than twenty-five dollars for each violation.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>

ENV *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The legislation will not increase the workload of the Department of Agriculture, nor is an increase in revenue anticipated from the \$25 maximum fine. Historically, no fines have been collected due to violations of Sec. 22-38 of the CGS.

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING LOCALLY GROWN FARM PRODUCTS**SUMMARY:**

This bill adds "Connecticut-Grown" to the list of terms that may be used to sell or advertise farm products grown, and eggs produced, in Connecticut. (PA 02-45 eliminated "Connecticut-Grown.") By law, useable terms are "native," "native grown," "local," "locally grown," and other unspecified terms. The bill narrows the list to just these specified terms.

By law, the terms "native," "native grown," "local," and "locally grown" can be used to sell or advertise farm products grown and eggs produced in another state if they were grown or produced within a ten-mile radius of where they are sold in Connecticut. The bill specifies that these terms may be used to sell or advertise farm products grown and eggs produced in another state within a ten-mile radius of the point of sale (as opposed to "where they are sold") in Connecticut.

The bill also makes a technical change and a conforming technical change.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2003

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Report
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