



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 5453**

LCO No. 1469

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Referred to Committee on General Law

Introduced by:

(GL)

**AN ACT CONCERNING FARM WINERIES.**

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, as  
2 amended by section 146 of public act 03-6 of the June 30 special  
3 session, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
4 (*Effective October 1, 2004*):

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

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

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2004</i>

**Statement of Purpose:**

To revise the farm winery requirement that fifty-one per cent of grapes be Connecticut grown to twenty-five per cent.

*[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.]*