



Senate

General Assembly

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 855

Senate, April 6, 2009

The Committee on Environment reported through SEN. MEYER of the 12th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING APPOINTMENTS TO THE FARM WINE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL.

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

1 Section 1. Section 22-26c of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

3 (a) There shall be a Connecticut Farm Wine Development Council
4 which shall be within the Department of Agriculture for
5 administrative purposes only. Said council shall consist of [ten]
6 thirteen members as follows: The Commissioners of Agriculture and
7 Economic and Community Development, the dean of the College of
8 Agriculture and Natural Resources of The University of Connecticut
9 and the directors of the Storrs Agricultural Experiment Station and the
10 Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, or their respective
11 designees; and [five] eight members engaged in the wine production
12 industry in this state, [three of whom shall be involved in wine
13 production and two of whom shall be viticulturists. The Commissioner
14 of Agriculture shall appoint the members involved in the wine

15 production industry] appointed as follows: Two members appointed
 16 by the Governor, and one member each appointed by the president
 17 pro tempore of the Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives
 18 and the majority and minority leaders of the House of Representatives
 19 and the Senate.

20 (b) The term of one of the initial appointments from the wine
 21 production industry shall expire on the last day of July, 1988, the terms
 22 of two shall expire on the last day of July, 1989, and the terms of two
 23 shall expire on the last day of July, 1990. On or before the first day of
 24 July, 1987, and annually thereafter, the commissioner shall appoint
 25 members to succeed the members whose term expires. Said members
 26 shall serve a term of four years. The commissioner shall fill any
 27 vacancy by appointment for the unexpired portion of the term vacated.

28 (c) Members of the council shall not be compensated for their
 29 services but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the
 30 performance of their duties. No member shall serve for more than four
 31 consecutive terms. A majority of the council shall constitute a quorum.

32 (d) The Commissioner of Agriculture shall be the chairman of the
 33 council.

34 (e) The council may receive funds from any source and expend such
 35 funds as may be necessary to carry out its duties. The council may seek
 36 funding and provide financial support to organizations for activities
 37 concerned with wine production and related products.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2009	22-26c

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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In section 1(a) the words "shall each appoint one member engaged in the wine production industry in this state" were deleted to eliminate redundant language.

ENV Joint Favorable Subst.-LCO

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 bill increases the number of members on the Farm Wine Council and is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 855*****AN ACT CONCERNING APPOINTMENTS TO THE FARM WINE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill increases the Connecticut Farm Wine Development Council membership, from 10 to 13, and changes who appoints them. Under current law, there are five ex officio members, and the agriculture commissioner appoints the other five, who must be involved in the wine production industry. The bill eliminates the commissioner's appointing authority, and instead has the governor appoint two members, and the Senate president, House speaker, and Senate and House majority and minority leaders each appoint one (totaling eight).

The bill requires all eight appointed members to be involved in the wine production industry, but it does not specify what aspect of the industry. Under current law, three of the appointed members must be involved in making wine and two must be growers.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2009

BACKGROUND***Ex Officio Members***

By law, the Agriculture and Economic and Community Development commissioners, the University of Connecticut's dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and the directors of the Storrs and Connecticut Agricultural Experiment stations, or their respective designees, are the other five Connecticut Farm Wine Development Council members.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 31 Nay 0 (03/18/2009)