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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
(ENV)

**AN ACT ALLOWING THE PRODUCTION AND SALE OF ACIDIFIED
FOOD PRODUCTS ON RESIDENTIAL FARMS.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 21a-24a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2010*):

3 (a) As used in this section:

4 (1) "Acidified food product" means a food item, with a pH value of
5 4.6 or less, including, but not limited to, pickles, salsa and hot sauce,
6 produced on the premises of a residential farm.

7 [(1)] (2) "Jam" means a food, with a pH value of 4.6 or less, made by
8 cooking fruit with sugar to a thick mixture.

9 [(2)] (3) "Jelly" means a food, with a pH value of 4.6 or less, made by
10 cooking fruit juice that has been boiled with sugar.

11 [(3)] (4) "Preserves" means a food, with a pH value of 4.6 or less,
12 consisting of fruit preserved whole by cooking with sugar.

13 [(4)] (5) "Residential farm" means property (A) being utilized as a
14 farm, as defined in subsection (q) of section 1-1, and (B) serving as the
15 primary residence of the owner of such property.

16 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 21a-91 to 21a-120,
17 inclusive, and section 19-13-B40 of the regulations of Connecticut state
18 agencies, the preparation and sale of acidified food products, jams,
19 jellies or preserves on a residential farm shall be allowed in a room
20 used as living quarters and exempt from inspection by any state or
21 local agency, provided such acidified food products, jams, jellies or
22 preserves are prepared with fruit or produce grown on such farm.
23 Each container of acidified food products, jam, jelly or preserves
24 offered for sale on such farm shall have on its label, in ten-point type:
25 "Not prepared in a government inspected kitchen".

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	January 1, 2010	21a-24a

Statement of Purpose:

To allow the production and sale of acidified food products on residential farms.

[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.]

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