



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5819**

January Session, 2009

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**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 Section 21a-24a of the general statutes is repealed and the  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 canned food item, with a pH  
5       value of 4.6 or less upon completion of the recipe for such product,  
6       including, but not limited to, pickles, salsa and hot sauce, produced on  
7       the premises of a residential farm. Acidified food products do not  
8       include food consisting in whole or in part of milk or milk products,  
9       eggs, meat, poultry, fish, shellfish, edible crustacean ingredients or  
10      other ingredients, including synthetic ingredients, in a form capable of  
11      supporting rapid and progressive growth of infectious or toxigenic  
12      microorganisms.

13      [(1)] (2) "Jam" means a food, with a pH value of 4.6 or less, made by  
14      cooking fruit with sugar to a thick mixture.

15      [(2)] (3) "Jelly" means a food, with a pH value of 4.6 or less, made by  
16      cooking fruit juice that has been boiled with sugar.

17      [(3)] (4) "Preserves" means a food, with a pH value of 4.6 or less,

18 consisting of fruit preserved whole by cooking with sugar.

19 [(4)] (5) "Residential farm" means property (A) being utilized as a  
20 farm, as defined in subsection (q) of section 1-1, and (B) serving as the  
21 primary residence of the owner of such property.

22 (6) "Canned" means hermetically sealed in an air-tight container and  
23 heated to a temperature that destroys microorganisms.

24 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 21a-91 to 21a-120,  
25 inclusive, and section 19-13-B40 of the regulations of Connecticut state  
26 agencies, the preparation and sale of acidified food products, jams,  
27 jellies or preserves on a residential farm shall be allowed in a room  
28 used as living quarters and exempt from inspection by any state or  
29 local agency, provided such acidified food products, jams, jellies or  
30 preserves are prepared with fruit or vegetables grown on such farm.  
31 Each container of acidified food products, jam, jelly or preserves  
32 offered for sale on such farm shall have on its label, in ten-point type:  
33 "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

**ENV**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

**GL**        *Joint Favorable*