



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 855

LCO No. 3165

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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
(ENV)

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 Section 22-26c of the general statutes is repealed and the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 shall each appoint one member engaged in the wine
20 production industry in this state.

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

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

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

35 (e) The council may receive funds from any source and expend such
36 funds as may be necessary to carry out its duties. The council may seek
37 funding and provide financial support to organizations for activities
38 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

Statement of Purpose:

To change appointments to the Farm Wine Development Council to be similar to appointments to other councils and commissions.

[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.]