



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 5508**

LCO No. 3418

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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL FOR  
AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 22-26e of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

3 (a) There is hereby established a Governor's Council for Agricultural  
4 Development for advisory purposes only, consisting of not more than  
5 [thirty] fifteen members. The Commissioner of Agriculture shall be  
6 chairman of said council. The Governor shall appoint [twelve] nine  
7 council members from a list provided by the Commissioner of  
8 Agriculture of persons representative of agricultural activities in the  
9 state, including agricultural production, processing, marketing, sales,  
10 education and trade associations. The speaker of the House of  
11 Representatives, the president pro tempore of the Senate and the  
12 majority leader and minority leader of each house of the General  
13 Assembly shall each appoint [two] one council [members] member.

14 (b) The council shall provide advice to the Department of  
15 Agriculture concerning the development, diversification and

16 promotion of agricultural products, programs and enterprises in this  
17 state and shall provide for an interchange of ideas from the various  
18 commodity groups and organizations represented. The council shall  
19 make recommendations to the department on ways to increase the  
20 percentage of consumer dollars spent on Connecticut grown products,  
21 including, but not limited to, ways to increase the amount of money  
22 spent by residents of the state on locally grown food, by 2020, to not  
23 less than five per cent of the amount of money spent by residents of  
24 the state on food.

25 (c) The council shall meet at least once each calendar quarter. Any  
26 vacancy in the membership may be filled by the Governor. The  
27 members shall serve without compensation or reimbursement for  
28 expenses. Any member absent from more than two meetings in a year  
29 shall be deemed to have resigned.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2011	22-26e

**Statement of Purpose:**

To make the Governor's Council for Agricultural Development a more effective advocate for Connecticut agriculture.

*[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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