



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5508

January Session, 2011

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**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 Section 22-26e of the general statutes is repealed and the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
4 Agricultural Development for advisory purposes only, consisting of
5 not more than thirty members. The Commissioner of Agriculture shall
6 be chairman of said council. The Governor shall appoint twelve
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 council members.

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.

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

24 (a) There is hereby established a Governor's Council for Agricultural
25 Development for advisory purposes only, consisting of the following
26 members: (1) The Commissioner of Agriculture, who shall serve as the
27 chairperson of the council, (2) the dean of the College of Agriculture
28 and Natural Resources at The University of Connecticut, or the dean's
29 designee, (3) the chairperson of the Connecticut Milk Promotion
30 Board, or the chairperson's designee, (4) six members appointed by the
31 Governor, who shall each be actively engaged in agricultural
32 production, (5) one member appointed by the speaker of the House of
33 Representatives, who shall be engaged in agricultural processing, (6)
34 one member appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate,
35 who shall be engaged in agricultural marketing, (7) one member
36 appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives, who
37 shall be engaged in agricultural sales, (8) one member appointed by
38 the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be from a trade association,
39 (9) one member appointed by the minority leader of the House of
40 Representatives, who shall be from the green industry, and (10) one
41 member appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be
42 actively engaged in agricultural education.

43 (b) The council shall make recommendations to the Department of
44 Agriculture on ways to increase the percentage of consumer dollars
45 spent on Connecticut-grown fresh produce and farm products,
46 including, but not limited to, ways to increase the amount of money
47 spent by residents of the state on locally-grown farm products, by
48 2020, to not less than five per cent of all money spent by such residents
49 on food. The council shall also make recommendations concerning the
50 development, diversification and promotion of agricultural products,
51 programs and enterprises in this state and shall provide for an

52 interchange of ideas from the various commodity groups and
53 organizations represented.

54 (c) The council shall meet not less than once per calendar quarter.
55 Any vacancy in the membership of the council shall be filled by the
56 Governor. The members shall serve without compensation or
57 reimbursement for expenses. Any member absent from more than two
58 meetings in a calendar year shall be deemed to have resigned.

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

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