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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING FARMERS' MARKETS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Any farmer who holds a
2 current food service permit and who seeks to participate in a farmers'
3 market that is not within the jurisdiction of the public health district
4 that issued such food service permit may present a copy of such food
5 service permit and a copy of such farmer's most recent inspection
6 report to the health district with jurisdiction of the farmers' market for
7 which such farmer seeks participation in lieu of purchasing any
8 additional food service permit.

9 Sec. 2. Section 22-6r of the general statutes is repealed and the
10 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

11 (a) For purposes of this section:

12 (1) "Farmers' market" means a cooperative or nonprofit enterprise or
13 association that consistently occupies a given site throughout the
14 season or that occupies a given site for any given day or event and that
15 operates principally as a common marketplace for a group of farmers,

16 at least two of whom are selling Connecticut-grown fresh produce, to
17 sell Connecticut-grown farm products in conformance with the
18 applicable regulations of Connecticut state agencies and where the
19 farm products sold are produced by the participating farmers with the
20 sole intent and purpose of generating a portion of household income;

21 (2) "Fresh produce" means fruits and vegetables that have not been
22 processed in any manner;

23 (3) "Certified farmers' market" means a farmers' market that is
24 authorized by the commissioner to operate;

25 (4) "Farmer's kiosk" means a structure or area located within a
26 certified farmers' market used by a farm business to conduct sales of
27 Connecticut-grown farm products;

28 (5) "Connecticut-grown" means produce and other farm products
29 that have a traceable point of origin within Connecticut;

30 (6) "Farm" has the meaning ascribed to it in subsection (q) of section
31 1-1;

32 (7) "Farm products" means any fresh fruits, vegetables, mushrooms,
33 nuts, shell eggs, honey or other bee products, maple syrup or maple
34 sugar, flowers, nursery stock and other horticultural commodities,
35 livestock food products, including meat, milk, cheese and other dairy
36 products, food products of "aquaculture", as defined in subsection (q)
37 of section 1-1, including fish, oysters, clams, mussels and other
38 molluscan shellfish taken from the waters of the state or tidal
39 wetlands, products from any tree, vine or plant and their flowers, or
40 any of the products listed in this subdivision that have been processed
41 by the participating farmer, including, but not limited to, baked goods
42 made with farm products.

43 (b) A farmer's kiosk at a certified farmers' market shall be
44 considered an extension of the farmer's business and regulations of
45 Connecticut state agencies relating to the sale of farm products on a

46 farm shall govern the sale of farm products at a farmer's kiosk.

47 (c) [A] Except as provided in section 1 of this act, a farmer offering
48 farm products for sale at a certified farmers' market shall obtain and
49 maintain any license required to sell such products.

50 (d) A food service establishment, as defined in section 19-13-B42 of
51 the regulations of Connecticut state agencies, may purchase farm
52 products that have been produced and are sold in conformance with
53 the applicable regulations of Connecticut state agencies at a farmers'
54 market, provided such establishment requests and obtains an invoice
55 from the farmer or person selling farm products. The farmer or person
56 selling farm products shall provide to the food service establishment
57 an invoice that indicates the source and date of purchase of the farm
58 products at the time of the sale.

59 (e) Section 22-6g or this section shall not supersede the provisions of
60 any state or local health and safety laws, regulations or ordinances.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	22-6r

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