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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5117

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING GENETICALLY-ENGINEERED FOODS."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2012*) For the purposes of this  
4 section and sections 2 to 5, inclusive, of this act:

5 (1) "Cultivated commercially" means grown or raised by a person in  
6 the course of his or her business or trade and sold within the United  
7 States; and

8 (2) "Genetically engineered" means any food that is produced from  
9 an organism or organisms in which the genetic material changed  
10 through the application of: (A) In vitro nucleic acid techniques,  
11 including recombinant deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) techniques and  
12 the direct injection of nucleic acid into cells or organelles, or (B) fusion

13 of cells, including protoplast fusion, or hybridization techniques that  
14 overcome natural physiological, reproductive or recombination  
15 barriers, where the donor cells or protoplasts do not fall within the  
16 same taxonomic family, in a way that does not occur by natural  
17 multiplication or natural recombination.

18 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2012*) The Department of  
19 Agriculture, in consultation with the Connecticut Agricultural  
20 Experiment Station, may adopt regulations, pursuant to chapter 54 of  
21 the general statutes, that establish best practices for farmers who  
22 cultivate commercially any genetically-engineered crop. Such  
23 regulations may require the implementation of practices by such  
24 farmers to: (1) Eliminate or minimize the degree to which such  
25 genetically-engineered crop affects neighboring lands, and (2)  
26 minimize the amount of herbicides used by such farmers to eradicate  
27 herbicide-resistant weeds.

28 Sec. 3. (*Effective October 1, 2012*) Not later than October 15, 2012, the  
29 Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall, in accordance with  
30 section 11-4a of the general statutes, report to the joint standing  
31 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of the  
32 environment and consumer protection on a method to implement a  
33 program that will provide preference in the display of food items at  
34 retail establishments for any food item that is voluntarily labeled in  
35 such a manner as to indicate whether such food item is genetically  
36 engineered or contains genetically-engineered ingredients.

37 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2012*) Not later than October 15,  
38 2012, the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, in consultation with  
39 the Commissioners of Agriculture, Public Health and Energy and  
40 Environmental Protection, shall publish a list on the Department of  
41 Consumer Protection's Internet web site that indicates those raw  
42 agricultural commodities known to be genetically engineered. The  
43 commissioner shall update such list not less than once every calendar  
44 year.

45       Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2012*) Not later than January 1,  
 46 2013, the Commissioner of Administrative Services, in consultation  
 47 with the State Contracting Standards Board, the Department of  
 48 Agriculture and the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, shall  
 49 develop recommendations for the implementation of state agency  
 50 procurement guidelines that will provide a preference for the use and  
 51 purchase of processed foods and raw agricultural commodities that are  
 52 voluntarily labeled to indicate whether such processed food or raw  
 53 agricultural commodity contains genetically-engineered ingredients or  
 54 is genetically engineered, respectively. Concomitantly, the  
 55 commissioner shall submit any requisite statutory or regulatory  
 56 changes for the implementation of such recommendations to the joint  
 57 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
 58 matters relating to the environment."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	New section