



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5310**

January Session, 2013



**AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTIES AND AUTHORITY OF THE  
CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 22-81 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
3 *passage*):

4 (c) [The] Within available resources, the board shall cause the  
5 station to (1) make scientific inquiries and perform experiments  
6 including, but not limited to, inquiries and experiments regarding  
7 plants, insects and the pests of plants, soil and water, which inquiries  
8 and experiments shall include, but not be limited to, consideration of  
9 the effects of any climate change which may result from increased  
10 levels of carbon dioxide or other "greenhouse" gases in the atmosphere  
11 and what effects such change may have on agriculture in this state; (2)  
12 make scientific inquiries for the General Assembly and conduct such  
13 analyses as required by any state agency including, but not limited to,  
14 the Departments of Administrative Services, Agriculture, Consumer  
15 Protection and Energy and Environmental Protection; and (3)  
16 distribute reports of any analyses, investigations or experiments by  
17 correspondence, lectures or published matter. The board may cause  
18 the station to charge a fee for any testing services which it may provide  
19 to the public. The station shall not conduct any testing of ticks for

20 Lyme disease except at the request of a state or municipal health  
21 official or for scientific research purposes.

22 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 22-84 of the general statutes is  
23 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
24 *passage*):

25 (a) The director of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station  
26 shall have charge of all matters pertaining to official control,  
27 suppression or extermination of insects or diseases which are, or  
28 threaten to become, serious pests of plants of economic importance.  
29 [He] The director shall receive no additional compensation for such  
30 work, and may designate members of the station staff to carry out  
31 certain lines thereof and may employ such other assistance as may be  
32 required. Said director may: (1) Cooperate with the agents of the  
33 United States Department of Agriculture in the control of plant pests;  
34 (2) make regulations and orders regarding the destruction or treatment  
35 of infested plants; (3) seize, treat, disinfect or destroy any plants or  
36 plant material moved in violation of any quarantine or regulation  
37 established under the provisions of this section or suspected of being  
38 infested by any dangerous insect pest or plant disease; (4) prohibit or  
39 regulate the transportation of plants and plant materials, brick, stone  
40 and quarry products or any other objects or materials liable to carry  
41 dangerous pests and may designate certain areas or districts wherein  
42 all such plants may be destroyed; (5) adopt, and enforce by  
43 appropriate regulations, a quarantine prohibiting or restricting the  
44 transportation of any class of nursery stock, plant, fruit, seed or other  
45 article capable of carrying any dangerous plant disease or insect  
46 infestation, with reference to which the Secretary of Agriculture of the  
47 United States has not determined that a quarantine is necessary and  
48 established such quarantine, into or through this state or any portion  
49 thereof from any other state, the District of Columbia or any part of  
50 such state or said district in which said director finds such plant  
51 disease or insect infestation to exist; (6) adopt regulations for the  
52 seizure, inspection, disinfection, destruction or other disposition of any

53 nursery stock, plant, fruit, seed or other article capable of carrying any  
 54 dangerous plant disease or insect infestation, a quarantine with respect  
 55 to which has been established by the Secretary of Agriculture of the  
 56 United States, and which have been transported to, into or through this  
 57 state in violation of such quarantine; (7) inspect nurseries and nursery  
 58 stock, as defined in section 22-97, for any violation of the provisions of  
 59 section 22a-381d; and (8) establish and maintain a quarantine against  
 60 any premises, district, town or group of towns in this state, provided,  
 61 before any quarantine is established within the state, a public hearing  
 62 shall be held, of which five days' notice shall be given to the parties  
 63 affected, either by mail or by publishing such notice in two  
 64 newspapers having a circulation in the part of the state affected by  
 65 such quarantine. In carrying out the duties and authority described in  
 66 this subsection, the director may issue permits to any party or enter  
 67 into compliance agreements with any party.

68 Sec. 3. Subsection (c) of section 22-84 of the general statutes is  
 69 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
 70 *passage*):

71 (c) Any person interfering with the director or the director's  
 72 designee in the performance of said director's duty under the  
 73 provisions of this section or violating any quarantine or any regulation  
 74 established under the provisions of this section shall be fined not less  
 75 than five hundred dollars or more than ~~[one]~~ two thousand five  
 76 hundred dollars.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	22-81(c)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	22-84(a)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	22-84(c)

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