



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 229**

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Senate Bill No. 313

*Senate, April 1, 2014*

The Committee on Environment reported through SEN. MEYER of the 12th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING PARTICIPATION IN WIC AND SENIOR NUTRITION FARMERS' MARKET PROGRAMS BY CERTAIN NONPROFIT FARMERS.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of  
2 sections 22-6g to 22-6q, inclusive, of the general statutes, the  
3 Commissioner of Agriculture shall implement a pilot program to  
4 authorize not more than three individual, not-for-profit farmers who  
5 engage in the cooperative retail marketing of Connecticut-grown farm  
6 products to participate as vendors in both the Connecticut Farmers'  
7 Market/Women, Infants and Children Program and the Connecticut  
8 Farmers' Market/Senior Nutrition Program. Such pilot program shall  
9 have a duration of two years. The commissioner may prescribe the  
10 requirements for participation in such pilot program. Following the  
11 completion of such pilot program, the commissioner shall, in  
12 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, submit a report  
13 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having  
14 cognizance of matters relating to agriculture on such pilot program.

15 Such report shall include, but not be limited to, recommendations  
16 concerning the need for a permanent program to authorize individual,  
17 not-for-profit farmers who engage in the cooperative retail marketing  
18 of Connecticut-grown farm products to participate as vendors in both  
19 the Connecticut Farmers' Market/Women, Infants and Children  
20 Program and the Connecticut Farmers' Market/Senior Nutrition  
21 Program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**ENV**      *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill requires the Department of Agriculture to implement a two year pilot program to authorize less than three individual, non-profit farmers to participate as vendors in (1) the Connecticut Farmers' Market Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) Program and (2) the Connecticut Farmers' Market Senior Nutrition Program (FMNP).

As the agency currently authorizes farmers to participate as vendors in both of the Connecticut-grown farmers' market programs, there is no fiscal impact.

**The Out Years**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY:**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 28 Nay 0 (03/17/2014)