



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 313**

LCO No. 1805



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

**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

**Statement of Purpose:**

To establish a pilot program to authorize individual, not-for-profit farmers who engage in the cooperative retail marketing of Connecticut-grown farm products to participate as vendors in both the Connecticut Farmers' Market/Women, Infants and Children Program and the Connecticut Farmers' Market/Senior Nutrition Program.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*