



General Assembly

February Session, 2014

***Raised Bill No. 315***

LCO No. 1811



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

***AN ACT CONCERNING FARMER'S MARKET WINE SALES PERMITS  
AND ESTABLISHING AN OFF-SITE FARM WINERY SALES AND  
TASTING PERMIT.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2014*) (a) The Commissioner of  
2 Consumer Protection shall issue an off-site farm winery sales and  
3 tasting permit to a holder of a manufacturer permit for a farm winery  
4 upon submission of proof to the commissioner that the holder is in  
5 compliance with the requirements of subsection (e) of section 30-16 of  
6 the general statutes. An off-site farm winery sales and tasting permit  
7 shall authorize the sale and offering of free samples of wine  
8 manufactured from the farm winery during not more than seven  
9 events or functions per year at locations outside the manufacturer  
10 permit for a farm winery holder's permit premises, provided such  
11 holder: (1) Notifies the Department of Consumer Protection, on a form  
12 prescribed by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, not less than  
13 twenty-four hours prior to the start of the event or function, of the  
14 date, hours and location of each event or function, (2) only sells wine  
15 by the bottle at the event or function, and (3) is present, or has an

16 authorized representative present, at the time of sale of any bottle of  
17 wine or offering of a free sample of wine from the farm winery at the  
18 event or function. An off-site farm winery sales and tasting permit  
19 shall be valid for a period of one year from the date of issuance. The  
20 annual fee for such permit shall be two hundred fifty dollars. There  
21 shall be a one-hundred-dollar nonrefundable filing fee for any such  
22 permit.

23 (b) Any town or municipality may, by ordinance or zoning  
24 regulation, prohibit the sale or offering of wine by the holder of an off-  
25 site farm winery sales and tasting permit at an event or function held  
26 in such town or municipality.

27 Sec. 2. Section 30-37o of the general statutes is repealed and the  
28 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

29 (a) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall issue a farmers'  
30 market wine sales permit to a holder of a manufacturer permit for a  
31 farm winery upon submission of proof to the commissioner that such  
32 holder is in compliance with the requirements of subsection (e) of  
33 section 30-16. Such permit shall authorize the sale of wine  
34 manufactured from such farm winery during an unlimited number of  
35 appearances at a farmers' market [at not more than three farmers'  
36 market locations per year] provided such holder: (1) Has an invitation  
37 from such farmers' market to sell wine at such farmers' market, (2)  
38 [only] sells wine by the bottle and offers tastings at such farmers'  
39 markets, and (3) is present, or has an authorized representative  
40 present, at the time of sale of any such bottle of wine from such farm  
41 winery at such farmers' market. Any such farmers' market wine sales  
42 permit shall be valid for a period of one year from the date of issuance.  
43 The annual fee for a farmers' market wine sales permit shall be two  
44 hundred fifty dollars. There shall be a one-hundred-dollar,  
45 nonrefundable filing fee for any such permit.

46 (b) Any town or municipality may, by ordinance or zoning

47 regulation, prohibit the sale of wine by the holder of a farmers' market  
48 wine sales permit at a farmers' market held in such town or  
49 municipality.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	30-37o

**Statement of Purpose:**

To remove certain restrictions from the farmers' market wine sales permit and establish an off-site farm winery sales and tasting permit.

*[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.]*