



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 5027**

LCO No. 4837



Referred to Committee on GENERAL LAW

Introduced by:  
(GL)

***AN ACT CONCERNING COTTAGE FOOD PRODUCTION.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 21a-151 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

3 For the purposes of this section and sections 21a-152 to 21a-160,  
4 inclusive:

5 (1) "Bakery" means a building or part of a building where bread,  
6 cakes, doughnuts, crullers, pies, cookies, crackers, spaghetti, macaroni  
7 or other food products are made, either wholly or in part of flour or  
8 meal, including frozen or canned baked goods. "Bakery" includes, but  
9 is not limited to, any restaurant, hotel, private institution, [home  
10 bakery,] establishment operating doughnut-frying equipment or other  
11 similar place that offers such food products for sale.

12 (2) "Food manufacturing establishment" means a building or part of  
13 a building where food is prepared for sale to other establishments for  
14 human consumption. For purposes of this subdivision, "prepared"  
15 means a process of canning, cooking, freezing, dehydrating, milling,

16 repacking or cutting. Premises that are used solely for the retail sale or  
17 storage of prepackaged food, and facilities, as described in sections  
18 21a-24a and 22-6r and chapters 417, 419a, 422, 423, 430, 431 and 491,  
19 shall not be considered food manufacturing establishments.

20 (3) "Food warehouse" means a building or part of a building where  
21 food is stored for wholesale distribution, provided such building or  
22 part of such building is used primarily for the importation, storage or  
23 distribution of packaged food and not for other activities for which a  
24 license is required pursuant to section 21a-152. Premises licensed  
25 pursuant to said section and facilities, as described in sections 21a-24a  
26 and 22-6r and chapters 417, 419a, 422, 423, 430, 431 and 491, shall not  
27 be considered food warehouses.

28 (4) "Packaged food" means standard or random weight or volume  
29 packages of food commodities that are enclosed in a container or  
30 wrapped in any manner in advance of wholesale or retail sale, such  
31 that the food commodities cannot be added to or subtracted from the  
32 package or wrapping without breaking or tearing the wrapping,  
33 container or seals on the wrapping or container.

34 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2015*) (a) Preparation of food in a  
35 private residential dwelling for sale for human consumption shall be  
36 allowed provided it conforms to the regulations adopted pursuant to  
37 subsection (b) of this section.

38 (b) The Commissioner of Public Health, after consulting with the  
39 Commissioner of Consumer Protection, shall adopt regulations, in  
40 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to  
41 allow the preparation of food in a private residential dwelling for sale  
42 for human consumption.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	21a-151

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Sec. 2	October 1, 2015	New section
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To encourage cottage food production and provide for greater community food choice, variety and economic prosperity.

*[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.]*

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