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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 Section 21a-151 of the general statutes is repealed and the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
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	New section

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