



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5734

LCO No. 4690



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING FARMERS' MARKET COUPONS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 22-6q of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

3 (a) There is established the Connecticut Farmers' Market/Senior
4 Nutrition Program which shall be provided for from funds available to
5 the commissioner and from other sources as such funds may become
6 available. The program shall supply Connecticut-grown fresh produce
7 to senior participants through the distribution of vouchers that are
8 redeemable only at designated Connecticut farmers' markets. The
9 dollar value of any such voucher shall be established by the
10 Commissioner of Agriculture, provided such value shall not be less
11 than twenty-one dollars. For purposes of this section, a "senior
12 participant" is defined as a person who is sixty years of age or older
13 and is currently residing in elderly housing, or is a participant of a
14 registered congregate meal site, or has been identified by a municipal
15 elderly agent as being at nutritional risk. The program is designed to
16 provide both a supplemental source of fresh produce for the dietary

17 needs of seniors who are judged to be at nutritional risk and to
18 stimulate an increased demand for Connecticut-grown produce at
19 Connecticut farmers' markets.

20 (b) The program shall be administered by the Commissioner of
21 Agriculture who shall maintain all conditions for its operations.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2015	22-6q

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a minimum voucher amount of twenty-one dollars for vouchers provided to senior citizens participating in 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.]

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