



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 140**

February Session, 2016

\* SB00140CE 042116 \*

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF THE CONNECTICUT  
MARKETING AUTHORITY.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 22-64 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 The Marketing Authority shall develop the marketing facilities of  
4 Connecticut agriculture to bring about a wider and more economical  
5 distribution of Connecticut's agricultural products through the  
6 development of existing farmers' markets and through the  
7 establishment, acquisition, development and operation of market  
8 facilities, including land and buildings, by purchase, construction or  
9 condemnation; provided, however, that any such real estate  
10 acquisitions financed by bonds involving the full faith and credit of the  
11 state shall be subject to the provisions of section 4b-23. Subject to the  
12 provisions of section 4b-3, the Marketing Authority may lease, [the  
13 land or markets] permit or license property under the control of the  
14 authority. The Marketing Authority shall adopt regulations in  
15 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 concerning the leasing,  
16 permitting and licensing of [land or markets] property under the  
17 control of the authority. The Marketing Authority shall maintain a  
18 written record of the reasons why a prospective tenant has been  
19 granted or denied a lease, permit or license and shall notify applicants

20 that such a record is available for inspection. Any change in lease,  
21 permit or license status shall be reported to the Secretary of the Office  
22 of Policy and Management. Any such [market or land] property under  
23 the control of the Marketing Authority may be leased, permitted or  
24 licensed in portions (1) to an agricultural cooperative organized under  
25 the laws of this state, [and] (2) to wholesalers of farm produce or farm  
26 supplies, [and] (3) to dealers in other commodities, if the authority  
27 determines that the sale of such other commodities is of general benefit  
28 to the market, [and] (4) to persons rendering services connected  
29 therewith essential to the market, subject to such regulations as the  
30 Marketing Authority [promulgates] adopts, and (5) to entities that  
31 benefit market operations, subject to such regulations as the Marketing  
32 Authority adopts. Such leases, permits and licenses shall be for periods  
33 determined by the authority, not to exceed ninety-nine years, and may  
34 be renewed for like periods. Said leases, permits and licenses may be  
35 terminated upon mutual agreement by both parties thereto. Except as  
36 provided in section 22-63a, the appointment of all necessary employees  
37 by the Marketing Authority shall be subject to the provisions of  
38 chapter 67. The Marketing Authority shall, for the purpose of  
39 providing for the payment of the expenses of the market and the  
40 construction, improvements, repairs, maintenance and operation of its  
41 properties, fix, charge and collect rentals and charges for property,  
42 stores, stalls, space, buildings, equipment and other appurtenances,  
43 privileges and services furnished or performed, in or in connection  
44 with the market. The Marketing Authority shall have charge and  
45 supervision of repairs, maintenance and capital improvements of its  
46 properties provided that contracts may be submitted to the  
47 Commissioner of Administrative Services for review. The Marketing  
48 Authority may collect any charges due a cooperative from its  
49 sublessees and may apply any sums so collected to the payment of rent  
50 payable to the authority by such cooperative. The Marketing Authority  
51 shall [promulgate] adopt reasonable regulations relating to the use and  
52 operation of the market and its premises, equipment and facilities;  
53 marketing hours and days; sanitation; weight, measurement and  
54 display of products; inspection of products by the authority, and traffic

55 and parking regulation, all in the interest of the public safety and  
56 convenience and to insure the most efficient and economical use of  
57 market property. The Marketing Authority, or a committee thereof to  
58 be designated by the authority, after hearing, may impose a penalty  
59 not exceeding five hundred dollars for each violation of any of such  
60 regulations, and said authority may provide for the removal from the  
61 market premises of any motor vehicle operated or parked in violation  
62 of any regulation. The nonpayment of any penalty imposed as herein  
63 provided shall be grounds for eviction and exclusion from the market  
64 of the person or corporation upon whom the penalty is imposed and in  
65 addition the amount of such penalty may be recovered by the  
66 authority in a civil action. Any person or corporation aggrieved by the  
67 imposition of penalties in excess of fifty dollars in the aggregate may  
68 appeal to the superior court for the judicial district of Hartford.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	22-64

**ENV**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

**FIN**      *Joint Favorable*

**CE**      *Joint Favorable*