



General Assembly

Amendment

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LCO No. 4347



Offered by:
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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5580

File No. 420

Cal. No. 285

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FARM BREWERY MANUFACTURER PERMIT."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Department of Agriculture,
4 in consultation with the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station
5 shall develop guidelines for the creation of a "Connecticut-Grown
6 beer" designation and the requisite statutory and regulatory provisions
7 necessary for establishing and promoting such designation. Such
8 guidelines shall include recommendations concerning: (1) The type of
9 hops and cereal grains that are best suited for Connecticut's soils,
10 topography and climate, (2) best practices for cultivating hops and
11 cereal grains in Connecticut, including management strategies for
12 insects, diseases, weather and other environmental factors, (3) the
13 minimum, maximum and average harvest yields per plant and per
14 acre for hops and cereal grains under cultivation in Connecticut at
15 various stages of maturity, (4) the average time for hops to reach

16 maturity from planting and cutting to average harvest yields, (5) the
 17 minimum and average weight of cereal grains and hops required per
 18 gallon of finished beer, (6) legislation required to increase the amount
 19 of Connecticut-Grown cereal grains and hops that could be used in
 20 "Connecticut-Grown beer", (7) policies governing the establishment of
 21 a permit for farm breweries, (8) any existing state and federal grants
 22 and programs that could be used to increase production of
 23 Connecticut-Grown cereal grains and hops, (9) the total percentage of
 24 Connecticut-Grown product used in manufacturing a beer that is
 25 necessary to designate the beer as Connecticut-Grown, (10) reporting
 26 requirements necessary for brewers of "Connecticut-Grown beer", (11)
 27 verification systems for evaluating compliance with and enforcing
 28 regulations pertaining to "Connecticut-Grown beer", and (12) any other
 29 issue deemed relevant to such designation by the Department of
 30 Agriculture and the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station.

31 (b) Not later than January 1, 2017, the Department of Agriculture
 32 and the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station shall submit such
 33 guidelines to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
 34 having cognizance of matters relating to the environment and general
 35 law, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
 36 statutes."

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