



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5521**

February Session, 2026



**AN ACT CONCERNING STERILE CULTIVARS.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the  
2 provisions of chapter 446i of the general statutes, the sale, distribution  
3 or offering for sale of a sterile cultivar of a plant species that is otherwise  
4 prohibited from such sale, distribution or offering for sale shall be  
5 permitted, provided the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental  
6 Protection, in consultation with the director of the Connecticut  
7 Agricultural Experiment Station, determines that such cultivar is  
8 incapable of reproducing or spreading under the environmental  
9 conditions that are typical in the state. The commissioner may establish  
10 standards for determining such sterility and may revoke approval if a  
11 cultivar is found to pose an ecological risk. Nothing in this section shall  
12 be construed to authorize the sale of nonsterile forms of any such  
13 prohibited plant species.

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

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

The reference to "section 22a-381b" was changed to "chapter 446i", for clarity.

**ENV**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*