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Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

***AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE FARMERS' MARKET
NUTRITION PROGRAM.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 22-6g of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 For the purposes of sections 22-6g to 22-6p, inclusive, as amended by
4 this act:

5 (1) "Application" means a request made by an individual to the
6 department for [vendor] farmer certification in CFM/WIC on a form
7 provided by the department;

8 (2) ["Authorized farmers' market"] "Authorized redemption location"
9 means a farmers' market, farm stand or mobile market that operates
10 within the service area and is a site authorized by the department for
11 the exchange of [vouchers] benefits and Connecticut-grown fresh
12 produce and honey;

13 (3) ["Certified vendor"] "Certified farmer" means an individual who

14 has met all CFM/WIC conditions as outlined by the department and
15 who is guaranteed payment on all [vouchers] benefits accepted,
16 provided compliance is maintained by that individual regarding all
17 CFM/WIC rules and procedures as outlined in the [vendor] farmer
18 certification handbook;

19 [(4) "Certified vendor identification stamp" means a department-
20 issued stamp that shall be utilized by the certified vendor during each
21 occurrence of voucher deposit in the financial institution of certified
22 vendor choice. This stamp shall remain the sole property of the
23 department and shall be forfeited by the certified vendor to the
24 department in the event of suspension;]

25 [(5) "Certified vendor identification sign"] (4) "Certified farmer
26 identification sign" means a department-issued sign which shall be
27 clearly displayed by the certified [vendor] farmer at all times when
28 accepting or intending to accept [vouchers] benefits in an authorized
29 [farmers' market] redemption location. Signs shall remain the sole
30 property of the department and shall be forfeited by the certified
31 [vendor] farmer to the department in the event of suspension;

32 [(6) "Certified vendor number" means a personal identification
33 number issued by the department and assigned to an individual whom
34 the department has identified as a certified vendor;]

35 [(7)] (5) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Agriculture;

36 [(8)] (6) "Department" means the Department of Agriculture;

37 [(9)] (7) "Designated distribution WIC clinic" means a site authorized
38 by the department for dispersal of [vouchers] benefits by the local WIC
39 agency;

40 [(10)] (8) "Distribution" means the process outlined by the
41 department and the means by which local WIC agencies actually
42 [dispense vouchers] distribute benefits to eligible participants;

43 [(11)] (9) "Farm products" means any fresh fruits, vegetables,
44 mushrooms, nuts, shell eggs, honey or other bee products, maple syrup
45 or maple sugar, flowers, nursery stock and other horticultural
46 commodities, livestock food products, including meat, milk, cheese and
47 other dairy products, food products of "aquaculture", as defined in
48 subsection (q) of section 1-1, including fish, oysters, clams, mussels and
49 other molluscan shellfish taken from the waters of the state or tidal
50 wetlands, products from any tree, vine or plant and their flowers, or any
51 of the products listed in this subdivision that have been processed by
52 the participating farmer, including, but not limited to, baked goods
53 made with farm products;

54 [(12)] (10) "Farmers' market" means a cooperative or nonprofit
55 enterprise or association that consistently occupies a given site
56 throughout the season, which operates principally as a common
57 marketplace for a group of farmers, at least two of whom are selling
58 Connecticut-grown fresh produce, to sell Connecticut-grown farm
59 products directly to consumers, and where the products sold are
60 produced by the participating farmers with the sole intent and purpose
61 of generating a portion of household income;

62 [(13)] (11) "Fresh produce" means fruits and vegetables that have not
63 been processed in any manner and chicken eggs;

64 [(14)] (12) "CFM/WIC" means the Connecticut farmers' market
65 [supplemental food] nutrition program for women, infants and children
66 participants as administered by the department;

67 [(15)] (13) "Local WIC agency" means an entity that [administers local
68 health programs and which has entered into contract for voucher
69 distribution and related service with the department] contracts with the
70 Department of Public Health for the administration of the WIC program
71 and distributes benefits to eligible WIC participants;

72 [(16)] (14) "Connecticut-grown" means produce and other farm
73 products, [that have a traceable point of origin within Connecticut] as

74 defined in section 22-38;

75 [(17)] (15) "Posted hours and days" means the operational time frames
76 stated in assurances submitted by a duly authorized representative of
77 an authorized [farmers' market] redemption location which includes a
78 beginning and an ending date for each year of operation;

79 [(18)] (16) "Participant" means a client of WIC who is at least one year
80 of age, who possesses one of the WIC classification codes selected for
81 inclusion by the Department of Public Health and who is an active
82 participant in a designated distribution clinic;

83 [(19)] (17) "Season" means a clearly delineated period of time during
84 a given year that has a beginning date and ending date, as specified by
85 the department, which correlates with a major portion of the harvest
86 period for Connecticut-grown fresh produce;

87 [(20)] (18) "Service area" means the geographic areas that encompass
88 all of the designated distribution clinics and authorized [farmers'
89 markets] redemption locations within Connecticut for a given season;

90 [(21)] (19) "USDA-FNS" means the United States Department of
91 Agriculture-Food and Nutrition Service;

92 [(22) "Vendor certification handbook"] (20) "Farmer certification
93 handbook" means a publication by the department that is based on
94 USDA-FNS mandates and guidelines, addresses CFM/WIC rules and
95 procedures applicable to a certified [vendor,] farmer and provides the
96 basis for [vendor] farmer training. A copy of the publication shall be
97 issued to each individual prior to application. New editions supersede
98 all previous editions;

99 [(23) "Voucher"] (21) "Benefit" means a [negotiable instrument]
100 monetary amount issued by the department to participants that is
101 redeemable only for Connecticut-grown fresh unprocessed produce
102 from certified [vendors] farmers at authorized [farmers' markets]

103 redemption locations, with a limited negotiable period that directly
104 correlates to the season designated by the department; and

105 [(24)] (22) "WIC" means the special supplemental food program for
106 women, infants and children, as administered by the Department of
107 Public Health.

108 Sec. 2. Section 22-6h of the general statutes is repealed and the
109 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

110 (a) There is established the Connecticut Farmers' [Market/Women,]
111 Market Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children [Nutrition
112 Program] which [shall] may be jointly funded by the state of
113 Connecticut and the Food and Nutrition Service of the United States
114 Department of Agriculture. The program shall supply Connecticut-
115 grown fresh produce to participants of the [special supplemental food]
116 CFM/WIC program through the distribution of [vouchers] benefits that
117 are redeemable only at [designated Connecticut farmers' markets]
118 authorized redemption locations in Connecticut. The program is
119 designed to provide both a supplemental source of fresh produce for the
120 dietary needs of women, infants and children who are [judged]
121 determined to be at nutritional risk and to stimulate an increased
122 demand for Connecticut-grown fresh produce at authorized
123 Connecticut [farmers' markets] redemption locations.

124 (b) The program shall be administered by the Commissioner of
125 Agriculture who shall maintain all conditions as outlined in the farmers'
126 market nutrition program agreement entered into with USDA-FNS, as
127 amended.

128 Sec. 3. Section 22-6i of the general statutes is repealed and the
129 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

130 (a) The Department of Public Health WIC client screening processes
131 and records shall provide the basis for identifying participants eligible
132 for receipt of [vouchers] benefits.

133 (b) Local WIC agencies shall distribute [vouchers] benefits at
134 designated distribution clinics to participants in the manner specified
135 by the department in the program and procedures guide for distribution
136 clinic staff. Local WIC agency services shall ensure that:

137 [(1) Vouchers are distributed only to participants through verification
138 that the client name and number on the distribution registry provided
139 by the Department of Public Health correspond with the client name
140 and number printed on the WIC identification folder in the possession
141 of the participant.]

142 [(2)] (1) Each eligible participant is issued [five three-dollar vouchers
143 during each distribution as authorized by the department] a benefit
144 amount, determined annually, based on the federal and state allocation
145 for the given program year.

146 [(3) The voucher serial numbers issued to the participant correspond
147 to the number in the distribution registry in which the participant
148 signature is affixed.

149 (4) Each voucher issued and the distribution registry are properly
150 signed by the participant in the presence of local agency staff at the time
151 of distribution or, if a proxy is utilized, a written, electronic or verbal
152 communication is made by the participant or such proxy which
153 acknowledges receipt from the local agency staff at the time of
154 distribution.]

155 [(5)] (2) Any adult may act as a proxy provided the participant
156 designates such adult as [his or her] such adult's proxy in writing.

157 [(6)] (3) Each participant is provided a thorough explanation of
158 program guidelines and participant responsibility as outlined by the
159 department.

160 [(7)] (4) All CFM/WIC support materials are put into use as outlined
161 by the department.

162 [(8)] (5) Accurate and complete records of all related CFM/WIC
163 activities in the possession of a WIC local agency are maintained and
164 retained for a minimum of [four] three years. In the event of litigation,
165 negotiation, or audit findings, the records shall be retained until all
166 issues arising from such actions have been resolved or until the end of
167 the regular four-year period, whichever is later.

168 [(9)] (6) All agency records pertaining to this program shall be made
169 available for inspection to representatives of USDA-FNS, the
170 Comptroller General of the United States, the state Auditors of Public
171 Accounts, the department, and the Department of Public Health as
172 necessary, at any time during normal business hours, and as frequently
173 as is deemed necessary for inspection and audit. Confidentiality of
174 personal information shall be maintained as to all program participants
175 at all times.

176 Sec. 4. Section 22-6j of the general statutes is repealed and the
177 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

178 Participants shall be responsible for:

179 (1) [Qualifying under WIC program guidelines and attending]
180 Attending a designated distribution clinic during the relevant
181 distribution cycles when [vouchers are dispersed] benefits are
182 disbursed;

183 [(2) Properly countersigning a voucher prior to use;]

184 [(3)] (2) Using [vouchers] benefits only to purchase Connecticut-
185 grown fresh produce from certified [vendors] farmers who display
186 [CFM/WIC signs at authorized farmers' markets] a certified farmer
187 identification poster at authorized redemption locations;

188 [(4)] (3) Redeeming [vouchers] benefits on or before the expiration
189 date [printed on the face] of the [voucher] benefit or surrendering all
190 claim to the value of [vouchers] benefits that remain unredeemed;

191 [(5)] (4) Ensuring [vouchers] benefits that are received are not
192 assigned to any other party other than as provided by the [department]
193 program;

194 [(6)] (5) Reporting violations or problems to the department or the
195 local agency; and

196 [(7)] (6) Reporting all incidents of lost or stolen [vouchers] benefits to
197 the local agency.

198 Sec. 5. Section 22-6k of the general statutes is repealed and the
199 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

200 (a) Each authorized [farmers' market] redemption location shall
201 maintain records of operation which shall be provided to the
202 department and which shall include posted hours and days and shall be
203 signed by a duly authorized representative of the [farmers' market]
204 redemption location. [Farmers' market] Redemption location
205 assurances shall be submitted in a manner outlined by the department
206 and shall provide evidence of:

207 (1) Whether a [farmers' market] redemption location possesses the
208 capability to serve the additional demands brought about by
209 distribution of [vouchers] benefits in the area without causing undue
210 harm to the existing farmers' market, farm stands or mobile market
211 consumer base; and

212 (2) A willingness by persons associated with the [farmers' market]
213 authorized redemption location to meet all [CFM/WIC] program
214 requirements. Information submitted by a [farmers' market] redemption
215 location shall include, but not be limited to:

216 (A) The number of Connecticut-grown fresh produce [vendor] farmer
217 participants;

218 (B) Hours of operation to be maintained per week;

219 (C) Season of operation; and

220 (D) Accessibility and consistency of [farmers' market] redemption
221 location.

222 (b) The department shall give priority to a [farmers' market]
223 redemption location with previous involvement in CFM/WIC provided
224 the [farmers' market] redemption location has maintained the
225 conditions outlined in its [farmers' market] assurances and does not
226 have a high incidence of certified [vendor] farmer noncompliance or
227 suspensions.

228 [(c) In determining a farmers' market's authorization, the
229 commissioner shall consider the number of eligible applications
230 received by the department prior to the first of May which indicate the
231 intent to participate in the proposed farmers' market. The standard for
232 the authorization of a single or principal farmers' market in a county
233 shall be one eligible application for every one hundred participants who
234 participate in the distribution clinic in said county. A minimum of two
235 or more eligible applications shall be required for a farmers' market to
236 receive authorization.

237 (d) The number of farmers' markets authorized for the season shall
238 be determined by the department no later than the thirty-first day of
239 May prior to each season.]

240 Sec. 6. Section 22-6l of the general statutes is repealed and the
241 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

242 (a) [Vendor] Farmer certification shall not be in effect and [vouchers]
243 benefits shall not be accepted until receipt by the applicant of a certified
244 [vendor] farmer identification [stamp] poster [, a certified vendor
245 identification sign] and the applicant copy of the [department-vendor]
246 department-farmer agreement.

247 (b) Each [vendor] farmer certification shall be valid for three years.

248 The department shall not limit the number of [vendors] farmers who
249 may become certified under CFM/WIC. A [vendor] farmer who
250 satisfies all the following criteria shall be certified to accept [vouchers]
251 benefits:

252 (1) Agrees to maintain only Connecticut-grown fresh produce on
253 display in a certified [vendor] farmer stall;

254 (2) Indicates an intent to participate in one or more authorized
255 [farmers' markets] redemption locations;

256 (3) [~~Demonstrates participation~~] Participates in training on
257 CFM/WIC rules and procedures through attendance in an entire
258 session of one of the scheduled training meetings conducted by
259 department staff and completes an annual online learning module and
260 receives a passing score on a knowledge test; and

261 [(4) Submits a signed statement of receipts of a vendor certification
262 handbook;]

263 [(5)] (4) Submits a timely completed application and crop plan to the
264 department [prior to the deadline established by the department]
265 utilizing the application form and processes established by the
266 department. [; and

267 (6) Submits completed and signed certified vendor agreements to the
268 department.]

269 Sec. 7. Section 22-6m of the general statutes is repealed and the
270 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

271 (a) A certified [vendor] farmer may accept [vouchers] benefits only
272 for a transaction that takes place at [a certified farmers' market] an
273 authorized redemption location and only in exchange for Connecticut-
274 grown fresh produce and may accept [vouchers] benefits as payment for
275 Connecticut-grown fresh produce only if presented [on or before the
276 usage expiration date printed on the face of the voucher] by an eligible

277 participant.

278 (b) A certified [vendor] farmer shall (1) prominently display a
 279 certified [vendor identification sign] farmer identification poster as
 280 outlined in the certified [vendor] farmer handbook, (2) provide
 281 Connecticut-grown fresh produce and honey to participants upon
 282 receipt of [a valid and properly completed voucher, which is signed by
 283 the WIC client] benefits, (3) handle transactions with [WIC] participants
 284 in the same manner as transactions with all other customers, (4) not
 285 collect state or local taxes on purchases involving [vouchers] benefits,
 286 (5) charge participants a price for Connecticut-grown fresh produce that
 287 is equal to or less than the current price charged to nonparticipant
 288 customers, (6) not levy a surcharge based on the use of [vouchers]
 289 benefits by participants, (7) return no cash or issue credit in any form to
 290 participants during sales transactions that involve [vouchers] benefits
 291 only and in the event of a single transaction in which a participant
 292 presents a combination of cash and [vouchers] benefits for the purchase
 293 of Connecticut-grown fresh produce and honey, cash or credit up to the
 294 value of the cash portion of the payment shall be given to the
 295 participant, (8) participate in training as the department deems
 296 necessary to carry out the intent of CFM/WIC, (9) cooperate with the
 297 department in the evaluation of each season by completely and
 298 accurately responding to a survey, with resubmission to the department
 299 in a specified and timely manner, (10) immediately inform the
 300 department in the event of loss, destruction [] or theft of [either the
 301 certified vendor endorsement stamp or] a certified [vendor] farmer
 302 identification [sign] poster so that a replacement may be issued, and (11)
 303 comply with all procedures and rules as herein outlined and as
 304 delineated in the [department-vendor] department-farmer agreement,
 305 the certified [vendor] farmer handbook and official written notices of
 306 clarification issued by the department to the [vendor] farmer.

307 Sec. 8. Section 22-6n of the general statutes is repealed and the
 308 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

309 (a) [The commissioner shall return a voucher to a certified vendor
310 unpaid if the certified vendor identification number is not properly
311 affixed to the back of the voucher, the certified vendor does not endorse
312 the voucher or the participant's signature is missing on the face of the
313 voucher.] A [voucher] transaction may be resubmitted for payment in
314 the event that the [signature or vendor certification identification] error
315 can be properly and legally corrected by the certified [vendor] farmer.
316 Violations of CFM/WIC procedures and rules applicable to a certified
317 [vendor] farmer shall be identified as Class I violations, Class II
318 violations and Class III violations. Violations involving the use of
319 multiple [vouchers] benefits in a single sales transaction shall be
320 considered as a single violation. Violations involving multiple sales
321 transactions, regardless of time elapsed, shall be considered multiple
322 violations at a standard of one violation per sales transaction.

323 (b) For Class I violations, the commissioner shall issue a warning
324 letter to the violating certified [vendor] farmer. Failure to appropriately
325 display the certified [vendor] farmer identification [sign] poster and
326 prices as specified in the signage requirements shall constitute a Class I
327 violation.

328 (c) For Class II violations, the commissioner shall issue an official
329 written citation of noncompliance to the violating certified [vendor]
330 farmer. The following shall constitute Class II violations:

331 (1) Noncompliance with rules and procedures as outlined in the
332 [vendor] farmer certification handbook and in the [department-vendor]
333 department-farmer agreement which is not specifically identified as a
334 Class I violation;

335 (2) Participant is charged a price that is greater than that charged
336 nonparticipant or is charged for items not received;

337 (3) Refusal to accept valid [vouchers] benefits for Connecticut-grown
338 fresh produce and honey;

339 (4) Failure to permit or comply with procedures regarding inspection
340 of evidence by the department when point of origin of fresh produce
341 and honey on display or offered for sale in a certified [vendor] farmer
342 staff is in question;

343 (5) Abusive or discriminatory treatment of participants or CFM/WIC
344 staff;

345 (6) Displaying or offering for sale non-Connecticut-grown fresh
346 produce and honey in a certified [vendor] farmer stall;

347 (7) An authorized [farmers' market] redemption location is neither
348 open nor staffed during posted hours and days during the season in
349 which the certified [vendor] farmer is a designated participant; or

350 (8) The second like instance of a Class I violation by a single certified
351 [vendor] farmer.

352 (d) For Class III violations, the commissioner shall suspend the
353 violating [vendor] farmer from participation in CFM/WIC. The
354 following shall constitute Class III violations:

355 (1) A third Class I violation by a single [vendor] farmer;

356 (2) The second of two Class II violations of the same type by a single
357 [vendor] farmer ; or

358 (3) Exchanging ineligible products or cash for [vouchers] benefits. [;
359 or

360 (4) Cashing vouchers for a noncertified market.]

361 (e) The commissioner shall issue a written official notice of
362 noncompliance to the certified [vendor] farmer within seventy-two
363 hours of receipt of evidence involving an act of noncompliance.
364 Suspension of a certified [vendor] farmer from participation in
365 CFM/WIC shall remain in effect for the remainder of the season. An

366 exception shall occur when suspension occurs within thirty days of the
367 expiration date for [voucher] benefit usage by participants. In such case,
368 suspension shall also include the entire season of the following calendar
369 year. In the event of a suspension, the [vendor] farmer shall reimburse
370 the commissioner for the value of any [vouchers] benefits deposited and
371 paid upon after the official date of suspension notification. At the
372 conclusion of a suspension period, the [vendor] farmer may reapply for
373 certification in order to resume participation in CFM/WIC.

374 (f) Any [vendor] farmer successfully recertified following a
375 suspension shall be on probationary status for one full season.
376 Recurrence of a Class II violation during the probationary period and
377 for which the certified [vendor] farmer has been cited shall be sufficient
378 grounds for immediate and automatic suspension.

379 Sec. 9. Section 22-60 of the general statutes is repealed and the
380 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

381 A written notice of noncompliance or suspension from the
382 department shall be pending for seventy-two hours of receipt by the
383 certified [vendor] farmer. The certified [vendor] farmer shall be granted
384 the pending period for presenting sufficient evidence to the department
385 to substantiate a reversal. Remedies undertaken in response to receipt
386 of written notice of a pending citation of noncompliance or suspension
387 shall not constitute evidence in defense of such citation. Failure to
388 present any evidence to the department within the specified pending
389 period shall constitute acceptance of the citation of noncompliance or
390 suspension by the certified [vendor] farmer. Submission of insufficient
391 evidence by the certified [vendor] farmer for determination of reversal
392 on the pending citation by the department shall result in an official
393 citation of noncompliance or suspension upon completion of the
394 pending period.

395 Sec. 10. Section 22-6p of the general statutes is repealed and the
396 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

397 (a) Assurances, on forms provided by the department, [must] shall be
398 submitted no later than the first day of March in order for the [farmers'
399 market] authorized redemption location to receive consideration of
400 authorization for the upcoming season.

401 [(b) All applications shall be submitted no later than one month
402 preceding the last date in which vouchers may be used by participants
403 at authorized farmers' markets.]

404 [(c) (b) [Vouchers] Benefits shall be valid from the time of issue
405 through the season ending date as designated by the department. [Such
406 date shall be clearly printed on the voucher face. Voucher] Benefit usage
407 shall be null and void after [expiration date] the end of the season.

408 [(d) All vouchers accepted by a certified vendor shall be deposited on
409 or before thirty days following the date of expiration for voucher usage
410 by participants. Such date shall be clearly printed on the front of
411 vouchers. Any claim to voucher payment beyond the voucher
412 reimbursement expiration date is not valid and shall be denied.]

413 [(e) (c) Deadlines for submission of records, reports, survey
414 instruments and undistributed [vouchers] benefits by local agencies
415 shall be established by the department and specified in the agreement
416 entered into with the local agency.

417 [(f) (d) The department shall develop and submit a completed
418 operations report in January in a manner prescribed by USDA-FNS
419 which summarizes the [CFM/WIC] program operations for the
420 previous year.

421 Sec. 11. Section 22-6q of the general statutes is repealed and the
422 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

423 (a) There is established the Connecticut Farmers' Market/Senior
424 Nutrition Program which shall be provided for from funds available to
425 the commissioner and from other sources as such funds may become

426 available. The program shall supply Connecticut-grown fresh produce
427 and honey to senior participants through the distribution of [vouchers]
428 benefits that are redeemable only at designated Connecticut [farmers'
429 markets] redemption locations. For purposes of this section, a "senior
430 participant" is defined as a person who is sixty years of age or older and
431 is currently residing in elderly housing, or is a participant of a registered
432 congregate meal site, or has been identified by a municipal elderly agent
433 as being at nutritional risk. The program is designed to provide both a
434 supplemental source of fresh produce and honey for the dietary needs
435 of seniors who are [judged] determined to be at nutritional risk and to
436 stimulate an increased demand for Connecticut-grown produce and
437 honey at Connecticut [farmers' markets] redemption locations. For
438 purposes of this section, "fresh produce" means fruits and vegetables
439 that have not been processed in any manner and chicken eggs.

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

442 Sec. 12. Section 22-26k of the general statutes is repealed and the
443 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

444 [(a)] There is established a farm transition grant program which shall
445 be administered by the Department of Agriculture. Matching grants
446 shall be made to farmers and agricultural cooperatives for
447 diversification of existing farm operations, transitioning to value added
448 agricultural production and sales, and developing farmers' markets and
449 other venues in which a majority of products sold are grown in the state.

450 [(b) The Commissioner of Agriculture shall adopt regulations, in
451 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, for the administration of
452 the program established by this section. Such regulations shall require
453 the development of business plans by applicants as part of the
454 application process.]

455 Sec. 13. Section 22-34 of the general statutes is repealed and the
456 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

457 No person shall use any words, titles or names designated by the
458 Commissioner of Agriculture, under the provisions of sections 22-27, 22-
459 28 and 22-29 [,] and subsection (b) of section 22-31, [and section 22-33,]
460 for use in grading or marketing of farm products, unless the products
461 which he is identifying, advertising, designating or describing thereby
462 fully meet the requirements of the official grade indicated by such
463 words, titles or names. If, in the opinion of the Commissioner of
464 Agriculture or his representative, any lot or lots of such products so
465 identified, advertised, designated or described are not of the grade
466 indicated, said commissioner shall cause inspections thereof to be made
467 by regularly appointed inspectors for the purpose of determining the
468 actual grade of such products. Any person, firm or corporation which
469 violates any provision of this section shall be fined not more than fifty
470 dollars for the first offense and not more than two hundred dollars for
471 each subsequent offense.

472 Sec. 14. Subsection (b) of section 51-164n of the 2026 supplement to
473 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
474 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

475 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, any person
476 who is alleged to have committed (1) a violation under the provisions of
477 section 1-9, 1-10, 1-11, 2-71h, 4b-13, 7-13, 7-14, 7-35 or 7-41, subsection (c)
478 of section 7-66, section 7-83, 7-147h, 7-148, 7-283, 7-325, 7-393, 8-12, 8-25,
479 8-27, 9-63, 9-322, 9-350, 10-185, 10-193, 10-197, 10-198, 10-230, 10-251, 10-
480 254, 10a-35, 12-52, 12-54, 12-129b or 12-170aa, subdivision (3) of
481 subsection (e) of section 12-286, section 12-286a, 12-292, 12-314b or 12-
482 326g, subdivision (4) of section 12-408, subdivision (3), (5) or (6) of
483 section 12-411, section 12-435c, 12-476a, 12-476b, 12-476c, 12-487, 13a-
484 26b, 13a-71, 13a-107, 13a-113, 13a-114, 13a-115, 13a-117b, 13a-123, 13a-
485 124, 13a-139, 13a-140, 13a-143b, 13a-253, 13a-263 or 13b-39f, subsection
486 (f) of section 13b-42, section 13b-90 or 13b-100, subsection (a) of section
487 13b-108, section 13b-221 or 13b-292, subsection (a) or (b) of section 13b-
488 324, section 13b-336, 13b-337, 13b-338, 13b-410a, 13b-410b or 13b-410c,
489 subsection (a), (b) or (c) of section 13b-412, section 13b-414 or 14-4,

490 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 14-12, subsection (d) of
491 section 14-12, subsection (f) of section 14-12a, subsection (a) of section
492 14-15a, section 14-16c, 14-20a or 14-27a, subsection (f) of section 14-34a,
493 subsection (d) of section 14-35, section 14-43, 14-44j, 14-49, 14-50a, 14-58
494 or 14-62a, subsection (b) of section 14-66, section 14-66a or 14-67a,
495 subsection (g) of section 14-80, subsection (f) or (i) of section 14-80h,
496 section 14-97a or 14-98, subsection (a), (b) or (d) of section 14-100a,
497 section 14-100b, 14-103a, 14-106a, 14-106c, 14-145a, 14-146, 14-152, 14-
498 153, 14-161 or 14-163b, subsection (f) of section 14-164i, section 14-213b
499 or 14-219, subdivision (1) of section 14-223a, subsection (d) of section 14-
500 224, section 14-240 or 14-250, subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of section
501 14-251, section 14-253a, 14-261a, 14-262, 14-264, 14-266, 14-267a, 14-269,
502 14-270, 14-272b, 14-274, 14-275 or 14-275a, subsection (c) of section 14-
503 275c, section 14-276, subsection (a) or (b) of section 14-277, section 14-
504 278, 14-279 or 14-280, subsection (b), (e) or (h) of section 14-283, section
505 14-283d, 14-283e, 14-283f, 14-283g, 14-289l, 14-291, 14-293b, 14-296aa, 14-
506 298a, 14-300, 14-300d, 14-300f, 14-319, 14-320, 14-321, 14-325a, 14-326, 14-
507 330 or 14-332a, subdivision (1), (2) or (3) of section 14-386a, section 15-
508 15e, 15-25 or 15-33, subdivision (1) of section 15-97, subsection (a) of
509 section 15-115, section 16-15, 16-16, 16-44, 16-256e, 16-278 or 16a-15,
510 subsection (a) of section 16a-21, section 16a-22, subsection (a) or (b) of
511 section 16a-22h, section 16a-106, 17a-24, 17a-145, 17a-149 or 17a-152,
512 subsection (b) of section 17a-227, section 17a-465, subsection (c) of
513 section 17a-488, section 17b-124, 17b-131, 17b-137, 19a-33, 19a-39 or 19a-
514 87, subsection (b) of section 19a-87a, section 19a-91, 19a-102a, 19a-102b,
515 19a-105, 19a-107, 19a-113, 19a-215, 19a-216a, 19a-219, 19a-222, 19a-224,
516 19a-286, 19a-287, 19a-297, 19a-301, 19a-309, 19a-335, 19a-336, 19a-338,
517 19a-339, 19a-340, 19a-425, 19a-442, 19a-502, 19a-565, 20-7a, 20-14, 20-
518 153a, 20-158, 20-231, 20-233, 20-249, 20-257, 20-265, 20-324e, 20-329c or
519 20-329g, subsection (b) of section 20-334, section 20-341l, 20-366, 20-482,
520 20-597, 20-608, 20-610, 20-623, 21-1, 21-38, 21-39, 21-43, 21-47, 21-48 or
521 21-63, subsection (d) of section 21-71, section 21-76a or 21-100,
522 subsection (c) of section 21a-2, subdivision (1) of section 21a-19, section
523 21a-20 or 21a-21, subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 21a-25,

524 section 21a-26, subsection (a) of section 21a-37, section 21a-46, 21a-61,
525 21a-63, 21a-70b or 21a-77, subsection (b) or (c) of section 21a-79, section
526 21a-85 or 21a-154, subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 21a-159,
527 section 21a-278b, subsection (c), (d) or (e) of section 21a-279a, section
528 21a-415a, 21a-421eee, 21a-421fff or 21a-421hhh, subsection (a) of section
529 21a-430, section 22-12b, 22-13, 22-14, 22-15, 22-16, 22-26g, 22-30, 22-34, as
530 amended by this act, 22-35, 22-36, 22-38, 22-39, 22-39f, 22-49, [22-54,] 22-
531 61j or 22-61l, subdivision (1) of subsection (n) of section 22-61l,
532 subsection (f) of section 22-61m, subdivision (1) of subsection (f) of
533 section 22-61m, section 22-84, 22-89, 22-90, 22-96, 22-98, 22-99, 22-100 or
534 22-111o, subsection (d) of section 22-118l, section 22-167, subsection (c)
535 of section 22-277, section 22-278, 22-279, 22-280a, 22-318a, 22-320h, 22-
536 324a or 22-326, subsection (b), subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (e) or
537 subsection (g) of section 22-344, subsection (a) or (b) of section 22-344b,
538 subsection (d) of section 22-344d, section 22-344f, 22-350a, 22-354, 22-
539 359, 22-366, 22-391, 22-413, 22-414, 22-415, 22-415c, 22a-66a or 22a-246,
540 subsection (a) of section 22a-250, section 22a-256g, subsection (e) of
541 section 22a-256h, section 22a-363 or 22a-381d, subsections (c) and (d) of
542 section 22a-381e, section 22a-449, 22a-450, 22a-461, 23-4b, 23-38, 23-45,
543 23-46 or 23-61b, subsection (a) or subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of
544 section 23-65, section 25-37 or 25-40, subsection (a) of section 25-43,
545 section 25-43d, 25-135, 26-18, 26-19, 26-21, 26-31, 26-40, 26-40a, 26-42, 26-
546 43, 26-49, 26-54, 26-55, 26-56, 26-58 or 26-59, subdivision (1) of subsection
547 (d) of section 26-61, section 26-64, subdivision (1) of section 26-76,
548 section 26-79, 26-87, 26-89, 26-91, 26-94, 26-97, 26-98, 26-104, 26-105, 26-
549 107, 26-114a, 26-117, subsection (b) of section 26-127, 26-128, 26-128a, 26-
550 131, 26-132, 26-138, 26-139 or 26-141, subdivision (1) of section 26-186,
551 section 26-207, 26-215, 26-217 or 26-224a, subdivision (1) of section 26-
552 226, section 26-227, 26-230, 26-231, 26-232, 26-244, 26-257a, 26-260, 26-
553 276, 26-280, 26-284, 26-285, 26-286, 26-287, 26-288, 26-290, 26-291a, 26-
554 292, 26-294, 27-107, 28-13, 29-6a, 29-16, 29-17, 29-25, 29-143o, 29-143z or
555 29-156a, subsection (b), (d), (e), (g) or (h) of section 29-161q, section 29-
556 161y or 29-161z, subdivision (1) of section 29-198, section 29-210, 29-243
557 or 29-277, subsection (c) of section 29-291c, section 29-316 or 29-318,

558 subsection (b) of section 29-335a, section 29-381, 30-19f, 30-48a or 30-86a,
559 subsection (b) of section 30-89, subsection (c) or (d) of section 30-117,
560 section 31-3, 31-10, 31-11, 31-12, 31-13, 31-14, 31-15, 31-16, 31-18, 31-23,
561 31-24, 31-25, 31-32, 31-36, 31-47 or 31-48, subsection (b) of section 31-48b,
562 section 31-51, 31-51g, 31-52, 31-52a, 31-53 or 31-54, subsection (a) or (c)
563 of section 31-69, section 31-70, 31-74, 31-75, 31-76, 31-76a, 31-89b or 31-
564 134, subsection (i) of section 31-273, section 31-288, 31-348, 33-624, 33-
565 1017, 34-13d or 34-412, subdivision (1) of section 35-20, subsection (a) of
566 section 36a-57, subsection (b) of section 36a-665, section 36a-699, 36a-
567 739, 36a-787, 38a-2 or 38a-140, subsection (a) or (b) of section 38a-278,
568 section 38a-479qq, 38a-479rr, 38a-506, 38a-548, 38a-626, 38a-680, 38a-713,
569 38a-733, 38a-764, 38a-786, 38a-828, 38a-829, 38a-885, 42-133hh, 42-470 or
570 42-480, subsection (a) or (c) of section 43-16q, section 45a-283, 45a-450,
571 45a-634 or 45a-658, subdivision (13) or (14) of section 46a-54, section 46a-
572 59, 46a-81b, 46b-22, 46b-24, 46b-34, 46b-38d, 47-34a, 47-47 or 47-53,
573 subsection (i) of section 47a-21, subdivision (1) of subsection (k) of
574 section 47a-21, section 49-2a, 49-8a, 49-16, 52-143 or 52-289, subsection
575 (j) of section 52-362, section 53-133, 53-199, 53-212a, 53-249a, 53-252, 53-
576 264, 53-280, 53-290a, 53-302a, 53-303e, 53-311a, 53-314, 53-321, 53-322, 53-
577 323 or 53-331, subsection (b) of section 53-343a, section 53-344,
578 subsection (b) or (c) of section 53-344b, subsection (b) of section 53-345a,
579 section 53-377, 53-422 or 53-450 or subsection (i) of section 54-36a, or (2)
580 a violation under the provisions of chapter 268, or (3) a violation of any
581 regulation adopted in accordance with the provisions of section 12-484,
582 12-487 or 13b-410, or (4) a violation of any ordinance, regulation or
583 bylaw of any town, city or borough, except violations of building codes,
584 the health code or an ordinance described in subdivision (5) of this
585 subsection, for which the penalty exceeds ninety dollars but does not
586 exceed two hundred fifty dollars, unless such town, city or borough has
587 established a payment and hearing procedure for such violation
588 pursuant to section 7-152c, or (5) a violation of any ordinance adopted
589 by a town, city or borough pursuant to section 14-224a, 14-390 or 14-
590 390m for which the penalty does not exceed two thousand dollars,
591 unless such town, city or borough has established a payment and

592 hearing procedure for such violation pursuant to section 7-152c, shall
 593 follow the procedures set forth in this section.

594 Sec. 15. Section 22-33 and sections 22-50 to 22-54, inclusive, of the
 595 general statutes are repealed. (*Effective from passage*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	22-6g
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	22-6h
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	22-6i
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	22-6j
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	22-6k
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	22-6l
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	22-6m
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	22-6n
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>	22-6o
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>	22-6p
Sec. 11	<i>from passage</i>	22-6q
Sec. 12	<i>from passage</i>	22-26k
Sec. 13	<i>from passage</i>	22-34
Sec. 14	<i>from passage</i>	51-164n(b)
Sec. 15	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section

Statement of Purpose:

To revise the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program statutes to reflect procedures and terms currently used in the administration of such 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.]