



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5462

LCO No. 2399



Referred to Committee on INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Introduced by:
(INS)

**AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF CIVIL LIABILITY PROTECTIONS
FOR FARMERS OFFERING AGRI-TOURISM ACTIVITIES IN THE
STATE.**

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

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) For purposes of this section:
- 2 (1) (A) "Agri-tourism activity" means any interactive or passive event
3 on a farm that the public may participate in for recreational,
4 entertainment or educational purposes, including, but not limited to,
5 farming, food production, the viewing of historical or cultural sites or
6 harvest-your-own nature-based events and attractions;
- 7 (B) "Agri-tourism activity" does not include lodging at a farm, or
8 shopping at a roadside farm stand exclusively devoted to the sale of
9 merchandise or food at retail;
- 10 (2) "Farm" means any place that farming, as defined in subsection (q)
11 of section 1-1 of the general statutes, occurs; and
- 12 (3) "Farmer" has the same meaning as provided in section 12-412 of

13 the general statutes.

14 (b) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development,
15 in consultation with the Commissioner of Agriculture, shall conduct a
16 study of (1) existing laws and regulations providing civil liability
17 protections to farmers in this state who offer agri-tourism activities to
18 the public, and (2) methods for providing additional civil liability
19 protections to farmers offering agri-tourism activities to the public. Not
20 later than January 1, 2025, the Commissioner of Economic and
21 Community Development, in consultation with the Commissioner of
22 Agriculture, shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of
23 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of
24 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
25 judiciary on the findings of such study.

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

Statement of Purpose:

To require that the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, in consultation with the Commissioner of Agriculture, conduct a study relating to civil liability protections for farmers offering agri-tourism activities in the state.

[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.]