



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 560

January Session, 2019



**AN ACT INCREASING THE VALUE OF FARMERS' MARKET
VOUCHER BOOKS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 22-6q of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2019*):

4 (a) There is established the Connecticut Farmers' Market/Senior
5 Nutrition Program which shall be provided for from funds available to
6 the commissioner and from other sources as such funds may become
7 available. The program shall supply Connecticut-grown fresh produce
8 to senior participants through the distribution of vouchers that are
9 redeemable only at designated Connecticut farmers' markets. The
10 Commissioner of Agriculture shall establish the dollar value of voucher
11 books, provided such value shall not be less than fifty dollars' worth of
12 vouchers for each senior participant. For purposes of this section, a
13 "senior participant" is defined as a person who is sixty years of age or
14 older and is currently residing in [elderly] housing for elderly persons,
15 or is a participant of a registered congregate meal site, or has been
16 identified by a municipal [elderly] agent for elderly persons as being at
17 nutritional risk. The program is designed to provide both a
18 supplemental source of fresh produce for the dietary needs of [seniors]
19 senior participants who are judged to be at nutritional risk and to

20 stimulate an increased demand for Connecticut-grown produce at
21 Connecticut farmers' markets.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	22-6q(a)

AGE *Joint Favorable Subst.*

APP *Joint Favorable*