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Committee Bill No. 233

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Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING COTTAGE FOOD PRODUCTS AND THE PRODUCTION OF HONEY AND MAPLE SYRUP.

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

1 Section 1. Section 21a-62b of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

3 For the purposes of this section and sections 21a-62c to 21a-62h,
4 inclusive:

5 (1) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Consumer
6 Protection or an authorized agent of the commissioner;

7 (2) "Cottage food operation" means any person who produces
8 cottage food products only in the home kitchen of such person's
9 private residential dwelling and only for sale directly to the consumer
10 and who does not operate as a food service establishment pursuant to
11 section 19a-36 or regulations adopted pursuant to section 21a-101, or a
12 food retailer, distributor or manufacturer as defined in subsection (b)
13 of section 21a-92 and section 21a-151;

14 (3) "Cottage food products" means nonpotentially hazardous baked

15 goods, jams, jellies and other nonpotentially hazardous foods
16 produced by a cottage food operation. "Cottage food products" does
17 not include maple syrup or honey;

18 (4) "Food service establishment" means any establishment in which
19 food is stored, offered for sale, processed or prepared, and includes the
20 transportation of any food;

21 (5) "Private residential dwelling" means an owner or resident
22 occupied dwelling. "Private residential dwelling" does not include any
23 group or communal residential setting within any type of structure or
24 outbuilding, shed, barn or other similar structure;

25 (6) "Home kitchen" means a kitchen designed and intended for use
26 by the residents of a home but that is also used by a resident for the
27 production of cottage food products and that may contain one or more
28 stoves or ovens, which may be a double oven, designed for residential
29 use. "Home kitchen" does not include commercial equipment typically
30 used for large wholesale manufacturing;

31 (7) "Permitted area" means the portion of a private residential
32 dwelling that contains a home kitchen where the preparation,
33 packaging, storage or handling of cottage food products occurs; and

34 (8) "Potentially hazardous food" means a food that requires time
35 and temperature control for safety to limit pathogenic microorganism
36 growth or toxin formation.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2019	21a-62b

Statement of Purpose:

To retain the regulation of maple syrup and honey production with the Department of Agriculture.

[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.]

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