

Chamber adopts bill on stimulating horticulture in controlled environments and urban horticulture

The Chamber of Deputies adopted on Wednesday a draft law on stimulating horticulture in controlled environments and urban horticulture.

257 MPs voted "in favour" and one voted "against." The bill was initiated by Varujan Pambuccian, leader of the national minorities group in the Chamber of Deputies.

The draft law aims to create a legal framework for the implementation of horticulture in controlled environments and urban horticulture. The bill aims to regulate the labelling of products, sources of funding and subsidies, establish certain obligations for central and local public administration authorities, as well as the penalty regime applicable in this area.

"Horticulture in controlled environments is a way of growing plants in climatically, chemically and biologically isolated areas for the purpose of using the resulting produce for human consumption, as fresh or processed food, for medicinal purposes, and for green fodder for livestock. A controlled environment horticultural production unit is a business entity that produces chemically and biologically uncontaminated horticultural commodities in premises equipped for this purpose. Urban horticulture is the practice of growing horticultural plants, including mushrooms, fruit, or edible flowers, for use as fresh or processed food or for medicinal purposes in the urban area of a municipality," the draft reads.

The bill has been adopted by the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies is the decision-making body in this case.