

HOUSE No. 150

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mindy Domb

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to an agricultural healthy incentives program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/13/2023</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>1/19/2023</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>1/23/2023</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Patricia A. Duffy</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>James C. Arena-DeRosa</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Samantha Montaño</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>Daniel R. Carey</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/28/2023</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>1/29/2023</i>
<i>Kate Donaghue</i>	<i>19th Worcester</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>

<i>Simon Cataldo</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>2/2/2023</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/2/2023</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>	<i>2/2/2023</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2023</i>
<i>Carol A. Doherty</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>2/2/2023</i>
<i>Margaret R. Scarsdale</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2023</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/5/2023</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>Jon Santiago</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>2/7/2023</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/7/2023</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>	<i>2/7/2023</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/10/2023</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/13/2023</i>
<i>Erika Uytterhoeven</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/13/2023</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/19/2023</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/21/2023</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>Norfolk, Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>2/21/2023</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>2/21/2023</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/23/2023</i>
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Hampden</i>	<i>2/24/2023</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/27/2023</i>
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	<i>3/1/2023</i>

HOUSE No. 150

By Representative Domb of Amherst, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 150) of Mindy Domb and others for legislation to authorize agricultural healthy incentives program. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 250 OF 2021-2022.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to an agricultural healthy incentives program.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 128 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 2E the following section:-

3 Section 2F. (a) The department of transitional assistance, in partnership with the
4 department of agricultural resources and the department of public health, shall operate a healthy
5 incentives program. The program shall provide that Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
6 benefits, established pursuant to the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, 7 U.S.C. section 2011
7 hereinafter referred to as SNAP, redeemed for fruit and vegetable purchases, either fresh,
8 canned, dried or frozen, by a SNAP recipient at a participating vendor, shall entitle the recipient
9 to receive a matching benefit reimbursed on the recipient’s EBT card, within limits to be
10 established by the department.

11 (b) There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a separate
12 fund, to be administered by the commissioner of the department of transitional assistance, which
13 shall be known as the Massachusetts Healthy Incentives Fund. The Fund shall consist of all
14 revenues from public and private sources as appropriations, gifts, grants, donations,
15 reimbursements from the federal government and grants-in-aid or other receipts to further the
16 purposes of the Fund in accordance with this section.

17 (c) The Department of Transitional Assistance and its partners may apply for any
18 available federal programs such as Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program administered
19 by the United States Department of Agriculture to provide matching benefits to be deposited in
20 the Fund.

21 SECTION 2. The Department of Transitional Assistance shall promulgate rules and
22 regulations to implement the program set forth in section 1.