

HOUSE No. 1856

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Natalie M. Blais

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 agricultural commission input on board of health regulations.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Christopher M. Markey</i>	<i>9th Bristol</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>
<i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>

<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>
<i>Norman J. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>

HOUSE No. 1856

By Ms. Blais of Sunderland, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1856) of Natalie M. Blais and others relative to agricultural commission input on board of health regulations. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2465 OF 2017-2018.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)

An Act relative to agricultural commission input on board of health regulations.

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 17A Section 31 of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by rescinding the second paragraph and replacing it with the
3 following paragraph:

4 In a municipality with a municipal agricultural commission established pursuant to
5 section 8L of chapter 40, the board of health shall, prior to enacting any regulations that impact
6 farmers markets as defined in 105 CMR 590.001; farms as defined in section 1A of chapter 128;
7 and the non-commercial keeping of poultry, livestock, and bees as well as non-commercial
8 production of fruit, vegetables and horticultural plants; shall provide the municipal agricultural
9 commission with a copy of the proposed regulation. The municipal agricultural commission has
10 a 45-day review period, during which the commission may hold a public meeting, and may

11 provide written comments and recommendations to the board of health relative to the proposed
12 regulations. Upon a majority vote of the members, the agricultural commission may waive the
13 45-day review period.

14 If the board of health determines that an emergency exists, the board or its authorized
15 agent, acting in accordance with the provisions of section 30 of chapter 11, may, without notice
16 of hearing, issue an order reciting the existence of the emergency and requiring that such action
17 be taken as the board of health deems necessary to address the emergency. The board of health
18 shall comply with the local enforcement emergency procedures outlined in 105 CMR
19 400.200(B).