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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul McMurtry

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 passage of the accompanying:

An Act relative to farmers markets.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Paul McMurtry	*11th Norfolk*
Chris Walsh	*6th Middlesex*
Anne M. Gobi	*5th Worcester*
Kay Khan	*11th Middlesex*
Denise Provost	*27th Middlesex*
Keiko M. Orrall	*12th Bristol*
Stephen L. DiNatale	*3rd Worcester*
John W. Scibak	*2nd Hampshire*
Louis L. Kafka	*8th Norfolk*
Nicholas A. Boldyga	*3rd Hampden*
Thomas P. Conroy	*13th Middlesex*
Cory Atkins	*14th Middlesex*
James M. Cantwell	*4th Plymouth*
Kate Hogan	*3rd Middlesex*
Paul A. Schmid, III	*8th Bristol*
Danielle W. Gregoire	*4th Middlesex*
Josh S. Cutler	*6th Plymouth*
Carolyn C. Dykema	*8th Middlesex*

Kimberly N. Ferguson	*1st Worcester*
Denise Andrews	*2nd Franklin*
Matthew A. Beaton	*11th Worcester*
Aaron Vega	*5th Hampden*

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By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1503) of Paul McMurtry and others relative to the liability of farmers' markets. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
HOUSE
, NO. *2840* OF 2011-2012.]

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An Act relative to farmers markets.

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

SECTION 1. Section 10 of chapter 40 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

Any person who displays, exhibits or sells their homemade or home grown products or produce within the commonwealth at public farmers' markets and farm stands shall be allowed to provide customers with taste samples of their products without incurring any liability. Conformity to sanitary health codes and requirements such as sinks and heating apparatus shall not be applicable under this paragraph.