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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Anne M. Gobi

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 the distribution of raw milk.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Anne M. Gobi	*5th Worcester*
Thomas P. Conroy	*13th Middlesex*
Sean Garballey	*23rd Middlesex*
Jonathan Hecht	*29th Middlesex*
Paul W. Mark	*2nd Berkshire*
Alice K. Wolf	*25th Middlesex*
John W. Scibak	*2nd Hampshire*
Timothy R. Madden	*Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket*
Steven S. Howitt	*4th Bristol*
Denise Andrews	*2nd Franklin*
Susan C. Fargo	☐ *[District]* ☐
Peter V. Kocot	*1st Hampshire*
Richard Bastien	*2nd Worcester*
Bruce E. Tarr	☐ *[District]* ☐

William N. Brownsberger	*[District]*
Michael J. Rodrigues	*[District]*
William Smitty Pignatelli	*4th Berkshire*
Sarah K. Peake	*4th Barnstable*
Jennifer E. Benson	*37th Middlesex*
Stephen M. Brewer	*Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin*
Benjamin B. Downing	*Berkshire, Hampshire, and Franklin*
Michael R. Knapik	*[District]*
Stephen Kulik	*1st Franklin*
George N. Peterson, Jr.	*9th Worcester*
Todd M. Smola	*1st Hampden*
Cory Atkins	*14th Middlesex*
Geraldo Alicea	*6th Worcester*
Gailanne M. Cariddi	*1st Berkshire*
Ellen Story	*3rd Hampshire*

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By Ms. Gobi of Spencer, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1995) of Anne M. Gobi and others relative to the distribution of raw milk. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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An Act relative to the distribution of raw milk.

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 13 of chapter 94 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new section:

Section 1A Licensed raw milk farmers will be allowed to deliver raw milk directly to the consumer, off-site from the farm, provided that the raw milk farmer have a direct, contractual relationship with the consumer. The raw milk farmer may contract with a third party for delivery provided that the raw milk farmer shall maintain the contractual relationship with the consumer. The raw milk farmer may deliver raw milk through a community supported agriculture (CSA) delivery system provided that the raw milk farmer shall maintain a contractual relationship with the consumer. Delivery may be made directly to the consumer's residence or to a pre-established receiving site; said sites shall not be in a retail setting with the exception of CSA delivery. In such instances, raw milk shall be kept separated from retail items for sale and will not be accessible to the general public.

SECTION 2 Raw milk farmers may sell raw milk from their farm stands even if not contiguous to their raw milk dairy and shall comply with section 3 of chapter 40 of the General Laws.

SECTION 3 Non-mechanical refrigeration shall be allowed where mechanical refrigeration is not practical or cost prohibitive.

SECTION 4 The Commissioner of the Department of Agricultural Resources shall adopt and promulgate reasonable rules and regulations governing the handling, packaging, storage and transportation of raw milk, non-mechanical refrigeration shall be permitted.