

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 717**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Brian R. Mannel***

*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 the use of Glyphosate by utility companies and/or government entities on land located within, on, or above a federally-designated sole source aquifer.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Brian R. Mannel*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*2nd Barnstable*

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By Mr. Mannal of Barnstable, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 717) of Brian R. Mannal relative to the use of Glyphosate weed killer on land located within, on or above a federally-designated sole source aquifer. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to the use of Glyphosate by utility companies and/or government entities on land located within, on, or above a federally-designated sole source aquifer.

*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. Notwithstanding any law or special law to the contrary, no gas, electric,  
2 telephone, cable or other utility company licensed to do business in the Commonwealth of  
3 Massachusetts, nor any agency of the Commonwealth or any of its political subdivisions,  
4 including but not limited to any municipality, county, city, town or other public entity, nor any  
5 agents of such utility company and/or government entity, shall spray, release, deposit or apply  
6 Glyphosate on any land which it owns, or as to which it holds an easement or similar right and  
7 over which it maintains power, high tension or other lines, or to any roadway, railway, or on any  
8 land that is recognized as being located within, on, or above a Federally-designated sole source  
9 aquifer.