

SENATE No. 2188

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Benjamin B. Downing

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 partition fences.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Benjamin B. Downing

Gailanne M. Cariddi

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden

1st Berkshire

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By Mr. Downing, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2188) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Benjamin B. Downing and Gailanne M. Cariddi for legislation relative to partition fences. Municipalities and Regional Government.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to partition fences.

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 3 of chapter 49 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by inserting, at the end thereof, the following new paragraph:-

3 “An occupant who keeps livestock or poultry within such an enclosure shall be
4 responsible for the full cost of maintenance of partition fences if the adjoining occupant does not
5 keep livestock or poultry, unless both occupants otherwise agree”.