

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4143**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***George T. Ross***

*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 exempting farmers' markets from certain property taxes.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>George T. Ross</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/10/2012</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/16/2012</i>
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>	<i>2/16/2012</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>	<i>2/13/2012</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>2/13/2012</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>2/14/2012</i>
<i>Bradford Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>	<i>2/13/2012</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>2/10/2012</i>
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>	<i>2/14/2012</i>
<i>Steven L. Levy</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/14/2012</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>	<i>2/14/2012</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/15/2012</i>
<i>Shaunna O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>2/16/2012</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>	<i>2/10/2012</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>2/13/2012</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/13/2012</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	<i>2/13/2012</i>
<i>Daniel B. Winslow</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/14/2012</i>

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By Mr. Ross of Attleboro, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of George T. Ross and others for legislation to exempt farmers’ markets from certain property taxes. Revenue.

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**In the Year Two Thousand Twelve**  
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An Act relative to exempting farmers’ markets from certain property taxes.

*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. Section 2B of chapter 59 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, in line 18, after the words “and laws”, the  
3 following:  
4           ; provided further, that, subject to section 4 of chapter 4, for the purposes of this section,  
5 a farmers’ market, as defined by the Massachusetts department of agricultural resources, shall be  
6 considered a public purpose.