

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1489**

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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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to farmers markets.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/12/2015</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>1/30/2015</i>
<i>Gailanne M. Cariddi</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>	<i>1/15/2015</i>
<i>Leah Cole</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>	<i>1/15/2015</i>
<i>Edward F. Copping</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/29/2015</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2015</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>2/3/2015</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>1/30/2015</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/28/2015</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/2/2015</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>2/2/2015</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>1/12/2015</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/20/2015</i>
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/3/2015</i>
<i>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2015</i>
<i>Leonard Mirra</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>	<i>1/26/2015</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>1/30/2015</i>
<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>1/29/2015</i>

<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>1/26/2015</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2015</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>	<i>2/4/2015</i>
<i>Frank I. Smizik</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/3/2015</i>
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>1/29/2015</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/2/2015</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	<i>1/23/2015</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2015</i>

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By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1489) of Paul McMurtry and others relative to the liability of farmers’ markets. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1503 OF 2013-2014.]

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

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

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