

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 671

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Ann-Margaret Ferrante*

*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 recycling.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Ann-Margaret Ferrante</i>	<i>5th Essex</i>	<i>1/15/2015</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>	<i>8/30/2019</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>8/30/2019</i>
<i>Frank I. Smizik</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>8/30/2019</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>	<i>8/30/2019</i>
<i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i>	<i>10th Norfolk</i>	<i>8/30/2019</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>8/30/2019</i>
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>8/30/2019</i>

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By Ms. Ferrante of Gloucester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 671) of Ann-Margaret Ferrante and others for legislation to establish performance standards for the reduction of municipal solid waste. 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 recycling.

*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. The commissioner of environmental protection shall establish performance  
2 standards for the reduction of municipal solid waste, as described in section 2, to achieve the  
3 purposes of the commonwealth's solid waste master plan and greenhouse gas reduction plan and  
4 to protect the natural environment, preserve resources, achieve progress toward the  
5 commonwealth's goals to reduce greenhouse gases and create green jobs in the commonwealth.  
6 The performance standards shall be promulgated by July 1, 2015.

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8           SECTION 2. The department of environmental protection shall establish performance  
9 standards for municipal solid waste reduction on the basis of pounds per capita of solid waste  
10 disposed. The standards shall reduce solid waste to not more than 600 pounds per capita by July  
11 1, 2016 and not more than 450 pounds per capita by July 1, 2021.

13           SECTION 3. Not later than October 1, 2015, the secretary of energy and environmental  
14   affairs, in consultation with the department of environmental protection and the department of  
15   energy resources, shall develop a municipal solid waste standards action plan to assist  
16   municipalities in achieving the standards set forth in this act. The secretary shall review the  
17   effectiveness of existing recycling programs and other incentives available to achieve said  
18   standards and shall provide any recommendation including, but not limited to, potential  
19   regulatory and statutory changes to the commonwealths solid waste master plan, the 2020 Clean  
20   Energy and Climate Plan and the commonwealths Green Communities Plan. The secretary shall  
21   consult with the solid waste advisory committee in developing said plan.

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23           SECTION 4. Cities and towns shall report to the department of environmental protection  
24   not later than September 1 of each year the total weight of solid waste disposed of through said  
25   city or towns solid waste program during the prior fiscal year, as well as the number of  
26   households and residents who participated in said program. If the department makes a  
27   determination that a city or town has not met the municipal solid waste reduction performance  
28   standards as prescribed by the department by July 1, 2016, said city or town shall submit a report  
29   to the department setting forth the reasons the town did not meet the standards and detailing a  
30   plan to achieve said performance standards by July 1, 2021. The department shall issue a report  
31   for all municipal solid waste programs not later than December 1 of that year providing per  
32   capita solid waste disposal statistics for all municipal solid waste programs and shall file the  
33   same with the clerks of the senate and house of representatives and the joint committee on  
34   environment, natural resources and agriculture. The report may disaggregate solid waste tonnage

- 35 information to highlight categories of waste including waste that is beyond the control of a city
- 36 or town such as waste created as a result of a natural disaster.