

SENATE No. 1531

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael O. Moore

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 a municipality’s right of first refusal of agricultural land.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>5/4/2015</i>

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By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1531) of Michael O. Moore, Paul K. Frost, Chris Walsh and Brian M. Ashe for legislation relative to a municipality’s right of first refusal of agricultural land. Revenue.

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

An Act relative to a municipality’s right of first refusal of agricultural land.

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 14 of chapter 61A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended in lines 63, 82, 124 and 141 by striking out the number
3 “120” and inserting in place thereof the following number:- 180.

4 SECTION 2. Said section is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 37, the figure
5 “90” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 120.

6 SECTION 3. The twenty-third paragraph of said section is hereby amended by adding the
7 following sentence:- The city or town shall not be required to exercise the option to purchase any
8 property not classified under this chapter.

9 SECTION 4. The twelfth paragraph of said section is hereby amended by adding the
10 following sentence:- The landowner shall respond no later than 30 days after having received the
11 purchase and sale contract.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.