

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1531**

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**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:       |                 |
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| <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.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**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.