

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1548**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Richard J. Ross***

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*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:
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Robert L. Hedlund</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>
<i>Viriato M. deMacedo</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>
<i>Brian A. Joyce</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>Leah Cole</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>

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By Mr. Ross, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1548) of Richard J. Ross, Robert L. Hedlund, Viriato M. deMacedo, Brian A. Joyce and other members of the General Court for legislation to exempt certain farmers' markets from certain property taxes. Revenue.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1409 OF 2013-2014.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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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 2014  
2   Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, in line 18, after the words “and laws”, the  
3   following:-; provided further, that, subject to section 4 of chapter 4, for the purposes of this  
4   section, a farmers’ market, as defined by the Massachusetts department of agricultural resources,  
5   shall be considered a public purpose.