SENATE . . . . No. 1613

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James E. Timilty

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 the preservation of historic agricultural structures.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
James E. Timilty	*Bristol and Norfolk*

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By Mr. Timilty, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1613) of James E. Timilty for legislation relative to preservation of historic agricultural structures. Revenue.

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 the preservation of historic agricultural structures.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1   Chapter 59 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby

2   amended by inserting after section 5J the following new section:-

3   Section 5J 1/2. A city or town, by adoption of an ordinance or by-law, may establish a

4   special assessment policy for the substantial rehabilitation of historic agricultural structures listed

5   in the state register of historic places, either individually or as contributing elements within an

6   historic district. For such properties, the increase in assessed value resulting from such

7   rehabilitation shall be phased in one-fifth increments over a period of five years to the full

8   assessed value of the property; provided, however, that the rehabilitation shall meet the standards

9   of the Massachusetts historical commission in order to be eligible for the phased in special

10   assessment; and provided further, that the secretary of the commonwealth, as chairman of the

11   Massachusetts historical commission, shall promulgate applicable rules and regulations to carry

12   out the provisions of this section.