

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1608**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Elizabeth A. Poirier*

*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:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>1/13/2017</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>1/24/2017</i>
<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>1/17/2017</i>

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By Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1608) of Elizabeth A. Poirier, Susan Williams Gifford and Mathew Muratore for legislation to exempt farmers’ markets from certain property taxes. Revenue.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2660 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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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 19, after the words “and laws”, the  
3 following:

4           provided further, that, subject to section 4 of chapter 4, for the purposes of this section, a  
5 farmers’ market, as defined by the Massachusetts department of agricultural resources, shall be  
6 considered a public purpose.