

HOUSE No. 2905

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.

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 administering medication to farm animals.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>	<i>1/20/2017</i>
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>	<i>10/24/2017</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	<i>10/24/2017</i>
<i>Leonard Mirra</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>	<i>10/24/2017</i>

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By Mr. Berthiaume of Spencer, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2905) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., and others relative to administering antimicrobial drugs to livestock. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to administering medication to farm animals.

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. Chapter 129 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition
2 is hereby amended by adding the following new section:-

3 Section 49. An owner of any livestock, as defined in Section 118 of Chapter, or a person
4 who is otherwise engaged in the business of obtaining livestock under a growing agreement, may
5 administer or authorize an agent to administer a medically important antimicrobial drug to the
6 livestock, subject to a prescription or veterinary feed directive issued by a licensed veterinarian.