

**SENATE . . . . . No. 407**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Harriette L. Chandler***

*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 agricultural composting programs.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>	
<i>Harold P. Naughton, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Worcester</i>	<i>3/15/2017</i>

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By Ms. Chandler, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 407) of Harriette L. Chandler for legislation relative to agricultural composting programs. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to agricultural composting programs.

*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 7 (b) of Chapter 21H of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the words “department of food and agriculture”  
3 in the third sentence and inserting in their place the words “department of environmental  
4 protection”.

5           SECTION 2. Said Section 7 (b) of Chapter 21H of the General Laws is hereby amended  
6 by inserting at the end the following sentence:- “Said department of environmental protection  
7 shall not delegate such regulatory authority to any other executive agency or allow for exception  
8 from such regulations for any type of composting operation.”