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HOUSE . . . . . No. 145

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul W. Mark

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 an agricultural healthy incentives program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Paul W. Mark	*2nd Berkshire*	*1/15/2019*
Daniel M. Donahue	*16th Worcester*	*1/29/2019*
Mary S. Keefe	*15th Worcester*	*1/30/2019*
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	*12th Hampden*	*1/24/2019*
Lindsay N. Sabadosa	*1st Hampshire*	*1/24/2019*
Carolyn C. Dykema	*8th Middlesex*	*1/24/2019*
David Allen Robertson	*19th Middlesex*	*1/28/2019*
Daniel Cahill	*10th Essex*	*1/25/2019*
Brian M. Ashe	*2nd Hampden*	*2/1/2019*
Christine P. Barber	*34th Middlesex*	*1/29/2019*
John Barrett, III	*1st Berkshire*	*1/30/2019*
Michael J. Barrett	*Third Middlesex*	*1/29/2019*
Jennifer E. Benson	*37th Middlesex*	*1/29/2019*
Natalie M. Blais	*1st Franklin*	*1/28/2019*
Joseph A. Boncore	*First Suffolk and Middlesex*	*2/1/2019*
Paul Brodeur	*32nd Middlesex*	*2/1/2019*
Antonio F. D. Cabral	*13th Bristol*	*1/30/2019*
Peter Capano	*11th Essex*	*2/1/2019*

Daniel R. Carey	*2nd Hampshire*	*1/31/2019*
Gerard J. Cassidy	*9th Plymouth*	*1/29/2019*
Tackey Chan	*2nd Norfolk*	*2/1/2019*
Harriette L. Chandler	*First Worcester*	*2/1/2019*
Sonia Chang-Diaz	*Second Suffolk*	*2/1/2019*
Michelle L. Ciccolo	*15th Middlesex*	*2/1/2019*
Joanne M. Comerford	*Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester*	*1/29/2019*
Mike Connolly	*26th Middlesex*	*1/25/2019*
Brendan P. Crighton	*Third Essex*	*1/30/2019*
Daniel R. Cullinane	*12th Suffolk*	*1/31/2019*
Josh S. Cutler	*6th Plymouth*	*2/1/2019*
Julian Cyr	*Cape and Islands*	*2/1/2019*
Michael S. Day	*31st Middlesex*	*1/31/2019*
Linda Dean Campbell	*15th Essex*	*2/1/2019*
Marjorie C. Decker	*25th Middlesex*	*1/31/2019*
David F. DeCoste	*5th Plymouth*	*2/1/2019*
Sal N. DiDomenico	*Middlesex and Suffolk*	*2/1/2019*
Mindy Domb	*3rd Hampshire*	*1/30/2019*
Michelle M. DuBois	*10th Plymouth*	*1/30/2019*
James B. Eldridge	*Middlesex and Worcester*	*1/29/2019*
Tricia Farley-Bouvier	*3rd Berkshire*	*1/25/2019*
Ryan C. Fattman	*Worcester and Norfolk*	*1/30/2019*
Kimberly N. Ferguson	*1st Worcester*	*1/29/2019*
Dylan A. Fernandes	*Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket*	*1/31/2019*
Ann-Margaret Ferrante	*5th Essex*	*1/29/2019*
Michael J. Finn	*6th Hampden*	*1/28/2019*
Carole A. Fiola	*6th Bristol*	*1/28/2019*
William C. Galvin	*6th Norfolk*	*1/31/2019*
Sean Garballey	*23rd Middlesex*	*1/31/2019*
Denise C. Garlick	*13th Norfolk*	*1/31/2019*
Carmine Lawrence Gentile	*13th Middlesex*	*1/30/2019*
Thomas A. Golden, Jr.	*16th Middlesex*	*1/30/2019*
Carlos González	*10th Hampden*	*1/30/2019*
Tami L. Gouveia	*14th Middlesex*	*1/30/2019*
Stephan Hay	*3rd Worcester*	*1/28/2019*
Jonathan Hecht	*29th Middlesex*	*1/31/2019*
Natalie M. Higgins	*4th Worcester*	*1/27/2019*
Adam G. Hinds	*Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden*	*1/30/2019*

Kate Hogan	*3rd Middlesex*	*1/31/2019*
Kevin G. Honan	*17th Suffolk*	*1/29/2019*
Donald F. Humason, Jr.	*Second Hampden and Hampshire*	*1/31/2019*
Daniel J. Hunt	*13th Suffolk*	*1/30/2019*
Patricia D. Jehlen	*Second Middlesex*	*1/31/2019*
Louis L. Kafka	*8th Norfolk*	*1/28/2019*
Hannah Kane	*11th Worcester*	*1/30/2019*
Kay Khan	*11th Middlesex*	*1/29/2019*
John J. Lawn, Jr.	*10th Middlesex*	*1/28/2019*
David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf	*17th Worcester*	*1/31/2019*
Jack Patrick Lewis	*7th Middlesex*	*1/31/2019*
Jay D. Livingstone	*8th Suffolk*	*1/29/2019*
Adrian C. Madaro	*1st Suffolk*	*2/1/2019*
John J. Mahoney	*13th Worcester*	*1/28/2019*
Elizabeth A. Malia	*11th Suffolk*	*2/1/2019*
Paul McMurtry	*11th Norfolk*	*1/30/2019*
Joan Meschino	*3rd Plymouth*	*1/31/2019*
Christina A. Minicucci	*14th Essex*	*1/28/2019*
Liz Miranda	*5th Suffolk*	*1/30/2019*
Rady Mom	*18th Middlesex*	*1/28/2019*
Frank A. Moran	*17th Essex*	*2/1/2019*
Brian W. Murray	*10th Worcester*	*1/29/2019*
Harold P. Naughton, Jr.	*12th Worcester*	*1/31/2019*
Tram T. Nguyen	*18th Essex*	*1/25/2019*
Patrick M. O'Connor	*Plymouth and Norfolk*	*1/30/2019*
Smitty Pignatelli	*4th Berkshire*	*1/25/2019*
Denise Provost	*27th Middlesex*	*1/31/2019*
Rebecca L. Rausch	*Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex*	*1/30/2019*
David M. Rogers	*24th Middlesex*	*1/28/2019*
Daniel J. Ryan	*2nd Suffolk*	*1/31/2019*
Angelo M. Scaccia	*14th Suffolk*	*1/30/2019*
Paul A. Schmid, III	*8th Bristol*	*1/30/2019*
Todd M. Smola	*1st Hampden*	*1/30/2019*
Thomas M. Stanley	*9th Middlesex*	*1/29/2019*
Bruce E. Tarr	*First Essex and Middlesex*	*1/31/2019*
Walter F. Timilty	*Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth*	*2/1/2019*
José F. Tosado	*9th Hampden*	*1/25/2019*
Steven Ultrino	*33rd Middlesex*	*2/1/2019*
Andres X. Vargas	*3rd Essex*	*1/31/2019*

Aaron Vega	*5th Hampden*	*1/25/2019*
John C. Velis	*4th Hampden*	*1/31/2019*
RoseLee Vincent	*16th Suffolk*	*2/1/2019*
Tommy Vitolo	*15th Norfolk*	*1/29/2019*
Susannah M. Whipps	*2nd Franklin*	*1/29/2019*
Bud L. Williams	*11th Hampden*	*1/30/2019*

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HOUSE . . . . . No. 145

By Mr. Mark of Peru, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 145) of Paul W. Mark and others relative to establishing within the Department of Transitional Assistance an agricultural healthy incentives program operated in partnership with the Department of Agricultural Resources and the Department of Public Health. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)

An Act relative to an agricultural healthy incentives program.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 128 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 2E the following section:-

Section 2F. (a)There shall be within the Department of Transitional Assistance a healthy incentives program operated in partnership with the Department of Agricultural Resources and the Department of Public Health. The program shall provide that for every dollar of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits, established pursuant to the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, 7 U.S.C. section 2011 hereinafter referred to as SNAP, redeemed for fruit and vegetable purchases, either fresh, canned, dried or frozen, by a SNAP recipient, the recipient shall receive a matching benefit reimbursed on the recipient's EBT card of one dollar, within limits to be established by the department.

(b) There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a separate fund, to be jointly administered by the commissioners of the department of agricultural resources and the department of transitional assistance, which shall be known as the Massachusetts Healthy Incentives Fund. The Fund shall consist of all revenues from public and private sources as appropriations, gifts, grants and donations and from the federal government as reimbursements, grants-in-aid or other receipts to further the purposes of the Fund in accordance with this section.

(c) The Department of Transitional Assistance and its partners shall apply for any available federal programs such as Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentive Grants administered by the United States Department of Agriculture to provide matching benefits to be deposited in the Fund.

SECTION 2. The Department of Transitional Assistance shall promulgate rules and regulations to implement the program set forth in section 1.