

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4940**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Danielle W. Gregoire*

*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 deed restriction in the town of Westborough.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>	<i>7/28/2020</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>7/28/2020</i>

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By Miss Gregoire of Marlborough, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Danielle W. Gregoire and Hannah Kane relative to an agricultural deed restriction in the town of Westborough. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act relative to an agricultural deed restriction in the town of Westborough.

*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. Subsection (a) of Chapter 195 of the acts of 2018 is hereby amended by  
2 inserting after the words “page 230”, the following:- “on all or a portion of the premises  
3 described in said deed.”

4 SECTION 2. Said chapter 195 is hereby further amended by striking the first sentence of  
5 subsection (b) and inserting in place thereof, the following:- “The consideration to be paid for the  
6 release authorized in subsection (a) shall be the difference between the fair market unrestricted  
7 value of the property, or the portion thereof being released from the restriction and reverter if  
8 less than the entire parcel or the value of the proposed use, whichever is greater, and the  
9 agricultural fair value as determined by an independent appraisal commissioned by the  
10 commissioner.”