

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas M. Stanley

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 requiring pesticide application notice.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/5/2019</i>

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By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Thomas M. Stanley for legislation to require notices of pesticide applications. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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

An Act requiring pesticide application notice.

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

1 Chapter 132B of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2 Section 16. (a) A property owner who applies a pesticide outdoors shall display at least 1
3 warning flag for at least 24 hours following each outdoor pesticide application, or longer if
4 suggested or required by the manufacturer's label. All flags shall be posted at the time of the
5 pesticide application.

6 Warning flags shall be placed within or along the perimeter of the area where pesticides
7 will be applied. Warning flags shall be placed so as to be clearly visible to persons immediately
8 outside the perimeter of such property. Such warning flags shall be posted at least 12 inches
9 above the ground and shall be at least 4 inches by 5 inches in size. Warning flags shall include
10 the following statement: "WARNING, PESTICIDES APPLIED".

11 (b) A manufacturer or producer that sells general use pesticides to the public for
12 residential outdoor application shall attach to any retail product containing pesticides 2 warning

13 flags that shall be at least 4 inches by 5 inches in size. Warning flags shall include the following
14 statement: “WARNING, PESTICIDES APPLIED”.

15 (c) Any retailer that sells general use pesticides to the public for residential outdoor
16 application shall provide for sale to the public pesticide warning flags that shall be at least 4
17 inches by 5 inches in size. Warning flags shall include the following statement: “WARNING,
18 PESTICIDES APPLIED”.