

SENATE No. 90

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael O. Moore

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 a municipality’s right of first refusal of agricultural and recreational land.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | |
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| <i>Michael O. Moore</i> | <i>Second Worcester</i> | |
| <i>James B. Eldridge</i> | <i>Middlesex and Worcester</i> | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>Peter J. Durant</i> | <i>6th Worcester</i> | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>Colleen M. Garry</i> | <i>36th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/1/2019</i> |
| <i>Bruce E. Tarr</i> | <i>First Essex and Middlesex</i> | <i>2/1/2019</i> |

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By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 90) of Michael O. Moore, James B. Eldridge, Peter J. Durant, Colleen M. Garry and others for legislation relative to a municipality’s right of first refusal of agricultural and recreational land. Community Development and Small Businesses.

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

An Act relative to a municipality’s right of first refusal of agricultural and recreational land.

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 14 of chapter 61A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended in lines 67, 87, 131 and 148, in each instance, by striking out
3 the figure “120” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 180.

4 SECTION 2. Said section is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 103 and 144,
5 the figure “90” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 120.

6 SECTION 3. The sixteenth paragraph of said section is hereby amended, in line 106, by
7 adding the following sentence:- The landowner shall respond no later than 30 days after having
8 received the purchase and sale contract.

9 SECTION 4. The twenty-third paragraph of said section is hereby amended, in line 147,
10 by adding the following sentence:- The city or town shall not be required to exercise the option
11 to purchase any property not classified under this chapter.

12 SECTION 5. Section 9 of chapter 61B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
13 amended in lines 67, 87, 131, and 148, in each instance, by striking out the figure “120” and
14 inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 180.

15 SECTION 6. Said section is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 103 and 144,
16 the figure “90” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 120.

17 SECTION 7. The sixteenth paragraph of said section is hereby amended, in line 106, by
18 adding the following sentence:- The landowner shall respond no later than 30 days after having
19 received the purchase and sale contract.

20 SECTION 8. The twenty-fourth paragraph of said section is hereby amended, in line 147,
21 by adding the following sentence:- The city or town shall not be required to exercise the option
22 to purchase any property not classified under this chapter.

23 SECTION 9. This act shall take effect upon its passage.