

HOUSE No. 2138

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John Barrett, III

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 partition fences.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>John Barrett, III</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>	<i>2/2/2021</i>

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By Mr. Barrett of North Adams, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2138) of John Barrett, III relative to the maintenance of partition fences. Municipalities and Regional Government.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 4247 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to partition fences.

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 3 of chapter 49 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:

3 An occupant who keeps livestock or poultry within such an enclosure shall be responsible
4 for the full cost of maintenance of partition fences if the adjoining occupant does not keep
5 livestock or poultry, unless both occupants otherwise agree.