

HOUSE No. 1674

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul McMurtry

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 to allow samples at farmers markets.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>

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By Representative McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1674) of Paul McMurtry relative to the liability of farmers’ markets. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1785 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**
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An Act to allow samples at farmers markets.

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 10 of chapter 40 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

3 Any person who displays, exhibits or sells their homemade or home grown products or
4 produce within the commonwealth at public farmers’ markets and farm stands shall be allowed
5 to provide customers with taste samples of their products without incurring any liability.
6 Conformity to sanitary health codes and requirements such as sinks and heating apparatus shall
7 not be applicable under this paragraph.