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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Carmine Lawrence Gentile

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 prohibiting state and municipal contracts for the purchase and installation of artificial turf fields.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Carmine Lawrence Gentile	*13th Middlesex*	*1/17/2023*
Lindsay N. Sabadosa	*1st Hampshire*	*1/30/2023*
Michelle M. DuBois	*10th Plymouth*	*2/7/2023*
Ruth B. Balser	*12th Middlesex*	*7/7/2023*
Margaret R. Scarsdale	*1st Middlesex*	*7/7/2023*
Joanne M. Comerford	*Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester*	*7/24/2023*
Marc R. Pacheco	*Third Bristol and Plymouth*	*7/25/2023*

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By Representative Gentile of Sudbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3948) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile, Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Michelle M. DuBois relative to state and municipal contracts for the purchase and installation of artificial turf fields. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)

An Act prohibiting state and municipal contracts for the purchase and installation of artificial turf fields.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

Section 72. No state agency or state authority shall provide funding for the purchase, use or installation of artificial turf that contains zinc, plastic or perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) for any new or existing field after October 1, 2023. Any artificial turf field containing zinc, plastic or PFAS that is in use prior to October 1, 2023 shall be allowed to be used for its useful life but shall not be replaced with artificial turf containing zinc, plastic or PFAS.

SECTION 2. Chapter 40 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

Section 70. No municipality shall provide funding for the purchase, use or installation of artificial turf that contains zinc, plastic or perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) for any new or existing field after October 1, 2023. Any artificial turf field containing zinc, plastic or PFAS that is in use prior to October 1, 2023 shall be allowed to be used for its useful life but shall not be replaced with artificial turf containing zinc, plastic or PFAS.