SENATE No. 43

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Anne M. Gobi

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 regarding raw milk.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
Anne M. Gobi	Worcester and Hampshire	
Vanna Howard	17th Middlesex	4/12/2023
Patrick M. O'Connor	First Plymouth and Norfolk	4/21/2023
Jacob R. Oliveira	Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester	4/25/2023

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By Ms. Gobi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 43) of Anne M. Gobi for legislation relative to raw milk. Agriculture.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE SENATE, NO. 540 OF 2021-2022.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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

SECTION 3. Said chapter 94 of the General Laws, is hereby amended by inserting after section 13 the following section:-

Section 13 A ½. (a) Licensed raw milk farmers shall be allowed to deliver raw milk directly to the consumer, off-site from the farm, provided that the raw milk farmer has a direct, contractual relationship with the consumer. The raw milk farmer may contract with a third party for delivery provided that the raw milk farmer shall maintain the contractual relationship with the consumer. The raw milk farmer may deliver raw milk through a community supported agriculture (CSA) delivery system provided that the raw milk farmer shall maintain a contractual relationship with the consumer. Delivery may be made directly to the consumer's residence or to a pre-established receiving site; said sites shall not be in a retail setting with the exception of

- 11 CSA delivery. In such instances, raw milk shall be kept separated from retail items for sale and
 12 will not be accessible to the general public.
- 13 (b) Raw milk farmers may sell raw milk from their farm stands even if not contiguous to 14 their raw milk dairy and shall comply with section 3 of chapter 40 of the General Laws.
- 15 (c) The department of agricultural resources shall adopt and promulgate reasonable rules 16 and regulations governing the handling, packaging, storage, testing, and transportation of raw 17 milk, provided that non-mechanical refrigeration shall be permitted.