

SENATE No. 540

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Susan L. Moran

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 empowering towns and cities to protect residents and the environment from harmful pesticides.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Susan L. Moran</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>	
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>2/2/2023</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>2/15/2023</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/16/2023</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>3/2/2023</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	<i>3/2/2023</i>
<i>Cindy F. Friedman</i>	<i>Fourth Middlesex</i>	<i>4/3/2023</i>
<i>John J. Cronin</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>5/11/2023</i>
<i>Patricia A. Duffy</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	<i>5/17/2023</i>

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By Ms. Moran, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 540) of Susan L. Moran, Carmine Lawrence Gentile, Vanna Howard, Joanne M. Comerford and other members of the General Court for legislation to empower towns and cities to protect residents and the environment from harmful pesticides. Environment and Natural Resources.

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

An Act empowering towns and cities to protect residents and the environment from harmful pesticides.

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

1 The second paragraph of section 1 of chapter 132B of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the second sentence and inserting in
3 place thereof the following sentence:-

4 This chapter shall determine the regulation of labeling, distribution, sale, storage,
5 transportation, use and application, and disposal of pesticides in the commonwealth; provided,
6 however, that this chapter shall establish the minimum standards and restrictions relative to the
7 use and application and disposal of pesticides, and cities and towns may, by a majority vote of
8 the legislative body and approval from the municipality's board of health, adopt ordinances and
9 by-laws that regulate, restrict or prohibit the use and application or disposal of pesticides within
10 the city or town that are more stringent than the standards and restrictions established by this

- 11 chapter; provided further, that for purposes of this section, “use and application” and “disposal”
- 12 of pesticides shall not include the transportation of pesticides.