

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4571**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Sean Garballey and Cindy F. Friedman***

*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 authorizing the town of Arlington to prohibit use of second generation anti-coagulant rodenticides by commercial pesticide applicators.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>9/25/2025</i>
<i>Cindy F. Friedman</i>	<i>Fourth Middlesex</i>	<i>9/25/2025</i>

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By Representative Garballey of Arlington and Senator Friedman, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4571) of Sean Garballey and Cindy F. Friedman (by vote of the town) that the town of Arlington be authorized to prohibit use of second generation anti-coagulant rodenticides by commercial pesticide applicators in said town. Environment and Natural Resources. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act authorizing the town of Arlington to prohibit use of second generation anti-coagulant rodenticides by commercial pesticide applicators.

*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. Notwithstanding chapter 132B of the General Laws or any other general or  
2 special law to the contrary, the town of Arlington may regulate through local bylaw or board of  
3 health regulation or ordinance the use of second generation anti-coagulant rodenticides within  
4 the town of Arlington, including prohibiting the use of such pesticides by a certified applicator as  
5 defined in section 2 of chapter 132B of the General Laws.

6           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.