

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 5475**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Patricia A. Duffy*

*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 city of Holyoke to prohibit use of SGARs.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                    | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:  | DATE ADDED:     |
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| <i>Patricia A. Duffy</i> | <i>5th Hampden</i> | <i>6/1/2026</i> |

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By Representative Duffy of Holyoke, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5475) of Patricia A. Duffy (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Holyoke be authorized to prohibit use of second generation anti-coagulant rodenticides in said city. 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 city of Holyoke to prohibit use of SGARs.

*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 city of Holyoke may regulate through local bylaw or board of  
3 health regulation or ordinance the use of second generation anti-coagulant rodenticides within  
4 the city of Holyoke, including prohibiting the use of such pesticides by licensed commercial  
5 applicators as defined in 333 C.M.R. 10.00.

6           SECTION 2: So much of Chapter 438 of the Acts of 1896 and Chapter 327 of the Acts of  
7 1936 and acts in amendment thereof and addition thereto, as is inconsistent with this act, is  
8 hereby repealed.

9           SECTION 3: The General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to  
10 the bill, unless the Mayor and City Council approve amendments before enactment by the

11 General Court. The Mayor and City Council are hereby authorized to approve amendments  
12 which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition.

13 SECTION 4: This act shall take effect immediately upon passage.