

HOUSE No. 5532

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Margaret R. Scarsdale

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 Groton to prohibit the use of second generation anticoagulant rodenticides.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Margaret R. Scarsdale</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	<i>5/15/2026</i>

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By Representative Scarsdale of Pepperell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5532) of Margaret R. Scarsdale (by vote of the town) that the town of Groton be authorized to prohibit the use of second generation anticoagulant rodenticides 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)**

An Act authorizing the town of Groton to prohibit the use of second generation anticoagulant rodenticides.

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 Groton may regulate through local bylaw or board of
3 health regulation the use of second generation anticoagulant rodenticides within the town of
4 Groton, including prohibiting the use of such pesticides by a certified pesticide applicator as
5 defined in 333 C.M.R. 10.00.

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