

HOUSE No. 965

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James K. Hawkins

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 restricting the use of rodenticides in the environment.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/22/2025</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>	<i>1/22/2025</i>
<i>Steven Owens</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/22/2025</i>
<i>Kristin E. Kassner</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>	<i>1/22/2025</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>1/22/2025</i>
<i>Marc T. Lombardo</i>	<i>22nd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/22/2025</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/21/2025</i>
<i>James C. Arena-DeRosa</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/12/2025</i>
<i>Jennifer Balinsky Armini</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>	<i>2/12/2025</i>
<i>Michelle L. Badger</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>3/15/2025</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/11/2025</i>
<i>John Barrett, III</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>	<i>3/16/2025</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>2/6/2025</i>
<i>Simon Cataldo</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/24/2025</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>	<i>6/26/2025</i>
<i>Michelle L. Ciccolo</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/5/2025</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/6/2025</i>

<i>Manny Cruz</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	<i>2/18/2025</i>
<i>Leigh Davis</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>	<i>3/5/2025</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/14/2025</i>
<i>Kip A. Diggs</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>	<i>3/17/2025</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>2/19/2025</i>
<i>Kate Donaghue</i>	<i>19th Worcester</i>	<i>2/20/2025</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>	<i>1/29/2025</i>
<i>Patricia A. Duffy</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	<i>1/23/2025</i>
<i>Rodney M. Elliott</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/6/2025</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>	<i>7/16/2025</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>1/27/2025</i>
<i>Christopher Richard Flanagan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>2/24/2025</i>
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/18/2025</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/22/2025</i>
<i>Judith A. Garcia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	<i>7/24/2025</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2025</i>
<i>John R. Gaskey</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>1/27/2025</i>
<i>Jessica Ann Giannino</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>	<i>7/22/2025</i>
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	<i>2/19/2025</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>	<i>2/19/2025</i>
<i>Richard M. Haggerty</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/28/2025</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>1/26/2025</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/21/2025</i>
<i>Tara T. Hong</i>	<i>18th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/12/2025</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2025</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>3/10/2025</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/7/2025</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>1/27/2025</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/23/2025</i>
<i>Sally P. Kerans</i>	<i>13th Essex</i>	<i>2/20/2025</i>
<i>Meghan K. Kilcoyne</i>	<i>12th Worcester</i>	<i>8/18/2025</i>
<i>Michael P. Kushmerek</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>3/28/2025</i>
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>7/24/2025</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>	<i>7/10/2025</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>2/10/2025</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/23/2025</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/22/2025</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/6/2025</i>
<i>Hadley Luddy</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>	<i>2/3/2025</i>

<i>William F. MacGregor</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/20/2025</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>	<i>3/11/2025</i>
<i>John J. Marsi</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>	<i>2/11/2025</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>2/7/2025</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/23/2025</i>
<i>Joan Meschino</i>	<i>3rd Plymouth</i>	<i>1/27/2025</i>
<i>Thomas W. Moakley</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>	<i>3/5/2025</i>
<i>Samantha Montaño</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/1/2025</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>	<i>7/24/2025</i>
<i>John Francis Moran</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/7/2025</i>
<i>David K. Muradian, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>	<i>1/29/2025</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2025</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>2/7/2025</i>
<i>Adrienne Pusateri Ramos</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	<i>3/6/2025</i>
<i>Sean Reid</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>	<i>3/6/2025</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>7/24/2025</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/10/2025</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/28/2025</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>1/22/2025</i>
<i>Amy Mah Sangiolo</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/23/2025</i>
<i>Aaron L. Saunders</i>	<i>7th Hampden</i>	<i>1/24/2025</i>
<i>Adam J. Scanlon</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>2/27/2025</i>
<i>Margaret R. Scarsdale</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	<i>2/13/2025</i>
<i>Greg Schwartz</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/19/2025</i>
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/24/2025</i>
<i>Dawne Shand</i>	<i>1st Essex</i>	<i>7/22/2025</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	<i>3/21/2025</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/5/2025</i>
<i>Erika Uyterhoeven</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2025</i>
<i>Andres X. Vargas</i>	<i>3rd Essex</i>	<i>10/22/2025</i>
<i>Marcus S. Vaughn</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/5/2025</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/27/2025</i>
<i>Thomas P. Walsh</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>	<i>3/17/2025</i>
<i>Richard G. Wells, Jr.</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>	<i>7/24/2025</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>4/21/2025</i>
<i>Steven George Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>1/25/2025</i>
<i>Jonathan D. Zlotnik</i>	<i>2nd Worcester</i>	<i>4/10/2025</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/14/2025</i>
<i>Jacob R. Oliveira</i>	<i>Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester</i>	<i>2/14/2025</i>

<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>2/18/2025</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>4/7/2025</i>
<i>Edward J. Kennedy</i>	<i>First Middlesex</i>	<i>4/30/2025</i>
<i>Hannah Bowen</i>	<i>6th Essex</i>	<i>7/23/2025</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>7/29/2025</i>
<i>Lisa Field</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>7/30/2025</i>
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>Worcester and Hampshire</i>	<i>8/12/2025</i>
<i>Lydia Edwards</i>	<i>Third Suffolk</i>	<i>10/10/2025</i>
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>	<i>2/24/2026</i>

HOUSE No. 965

By Representative Hawkins of Attleboro, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 965) of James K. Hawkins and others relative to the use of rodenticides. Environment and Natural Resources.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act restricting the use of rodenticides in the environment.

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. Section 2 of chapter 132B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the definition of “Animal” the following:-

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4 “Anticoagulant rodenticide”, any pesticide product that has a mode of action that
5 interferes with blood clotting including, but not limited to, the following active ingredients:
6 Brodifacoum, Bromadiolone, Chlorophacinone, Difenacoum, Difethialone, Diphacinonon, or
7 Warfarin.

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9 SECTION 2. Section 5 of said chapter 132B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is
10 hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following paragraph:-

11 The department, with the approval of the board, shall by regulation establish a process
12 and standards for the limited use of anticoagulant rodenticides by licensed applicators in public
13 health emergencies, provided that such process and standards provide for one-time indoor use in
14 a single location to address an urgent public health emergency, as determined by the state
15 department of public health and such use shall: (i) be limited to 14 days; (ii) be accompanied by
16 integrated pest management actions that include non-chemical methods and exclusionary
17 measures to control rodents; (iii) require additional labeling of anticoagulant rodenticides used,
18 including but not limited to, the name of the rodenticide clearly labeled on any bait box; (iv)
19 require written rationale for the need for anticoagulant rodenticides over other non-toxic short-
20 term alternatives; and (v) require applicators to report to the department after the 14-day
21 emergency use period and include a plan for ongoing rodent control at the location.

22 Regulations shall also include provisions for the emergency use of anticoagulant
23 rodenticides to protect drinking water supply, to control vectors for mosquito-borne illness, and
24 for emergent infectious disease control.

25 SECTION 3. Section 7 of said chapter 132B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is
26 hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following paragraph:-

27 The subcommittee as established in section 3A of this chapter shall not register or
28 reregister anticoagulant rodenticides, except that it may register or reregister anticoagulant
29 rodenticides for emergency use, as provided by the department pursuant to section 5 of this
30 chapter.

31 SECTION 4. The department shall report annually and include on its website information
32 regarding the emergency use of anticoagulant rodenticides including, but not limited to, locations

33 where the anticoagulant rodenticide was used, the types and amounts used, the contents of
34 ongoing rodent control plans required in section 5 of chapter 132B, and relevant accompanying
35 documents.

36 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

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