

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jack Patrick Lewis

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 prohibiting the sale of newly farmed fur products.

PETITION OF:

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

An Act prohibiting the sale of newly farmed fur products.

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. The General Laws are hereby amended by inserting after chapter 110H the
2 following chapter:-

3 CHAPTER 110I.

4 SALE OF FARMED FUR PRODUCTS.

5 Section 1. The general court finds that eliminating the sale of farmed fur products in the
6 Commonwealth of Massachusetts will decrease demand for cruel products, reduce public health
7 risks, promote community awareness of animal welfare, foster a more humane environment, and
8 enhance the reputation of the Commonwealth.

9 Section 2. For purposes of this chapter, the following terms shall have the following
10 meanings:

11 “Fur,” any animal skin or part thereof with hair, fleece, or fur fibers attached thereto,
12 either in its raw or processed state.

13 “Fur product,” any article of clothing or covering for any part of the body, or any fashion
14 accessory, including but not limited to handbags, shoes, slippers, hats, earmuffs, scarves, shawls,
15 gloves, jewelry, keychains, toys or trinkets, and home accessories and décor, that is made in
16 whole or part of fur. “Fur product” shall not include any of the following:

17 (1) An animal skin or part thereof that is to be converted into leather, or
18 which in processing will have the hair, fleece, or fur fiber completely removed;

19 (2) Animal hair, fleece, or fur fibers that are not attached to skin (e.g., fishing
20 lures); or

21 (3) Fur, wool, or other fibers sourced exclusively from any member of the family
22 Bovidae, Camelidae, Equidae, Suidae, or Cervidae.

23 “Fur farm,” any operation, including the land, buildings, support facilities, and any other
24 location or equipment, in which animals – including but not limited to, mink, fox, raccoon dog or
25 chinchilla – are owned, controlled, raised, bred, propagated, or kept for the value of their fur.

26 “Person,” any individual, firm, partnership, joint venture, association, limited liability
27 company, corporation, estate, trust, receiver, or syndicate.

28 “Ultimate consumer,” an individual who buys a fur product for their own use, or for the
29 use of another, but not for resale or trade.

30 “Used fur product,” a fur product that has been worn or used by an ultimate consumer.

31 Section 3. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person shall not sell, offer
32 for sale, display for sale, trade, or otherwise distribute for monetary or nonmonetary

33 consideration, a fur product in Massachusetts if any of the fur contained in the fur product was
34 sourced from an animal that was raised, maintained, kept, or housed for all or part of its life on a
35 fur farm.

36 (b) For purposes of this section, the sale of a fur product occurs in Massachusetts if:

37 (1) The buyer takes physical possession of the fur product in Massachusetts; or,

38 (2) The seller is located in Massachusetts.

39 Section 4. The prohibitions in section 3 shall not apply to the sale, offer for sale, display
40 for sale, trade, or distribution of:

41 (1) A used fur product;

42 (2) A fur product used for religious purposes; or

43 (3) A fur product where the activity is expressly authorized by federal law.

44 Section 5. (a) The attorney general shall enforce this chapter. The attorney general may
45 also seek injunctive relief to prevent further violations of this chapter.

46 (b) Within 6 months of the passage of this act, the attorney general shall promulgate rules
47 and regulations for the implementation and enforcement of this chapter.

48 (c) A person who violates this chapter shall be liable for a civil penalty of not less than
49 five hundred dollars nor more than five thousand dollars per violation. Each fur product that
50 constitutes a violation of this chapter shall be treated as a separate violation.

51 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect 1 year after passage.