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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Carmine Lawrence Gentile*

*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 empowering vulnerable municipalities to protect residents and the environment from harmful pesticides.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2025</i>

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

An Act empowering vulnerable municipalities to protect residents and the environment from harmful pesticides.

*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 second paragraph of section 1 of chapter 132B of the General Laws, as  
2 appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the second sentence  
3 and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:-

4 This chapter shall determine the regulation of labeling, distribution, sale, storage,  
5 transportation, use and application, and disposal of pesticides in the commonwealth; provided,  
6 however, that this chapter shall establish the minimum standards and restrictions relative to the  
7 use and application and disposal of pesticides. Cities and towns which (a) contain sole source  
8 aquifer as designated by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency or the commonwealth of  
9 Massachusetts or (b) that have a majority of residential drinking water users served by private  
10 wells may, by a majority vote of the legislative body and the municipality's board of health,  
11 adopt ordinances and by-laws that regulate, restrict or prohibit the outdoor, non-agricultural use  
12 and application, and the disposal of all pesticides within the city or town that are more stringent  
13 than the standards and restrictions established by this chapter; provided further, that for purposes

14 of this section, “use and application” and “disposal” of pesticides shall not include the  
15 transportation of pesticides.