

HOUSE No.

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 prohibiting state and municipal contracts for the purchase and installation of artificial turf fields.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/10/2025</i>

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

An Act prohibiting state and municipal contracts for the purchase and installation of artificial turf fields.

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. Chapter 29 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

3 Section 72.

4 As used in this section, the following words shall, unless the context clearly requires
5 otherwise, have the following meanings:

6 “Intentionally-added PFAS”, PFAS chemicals that are added to a product or that enter the
7 product from the manufacturing or processing of the product; provided, however, that the
8 manufacturer of the product knows, or is reasonably expected to know, or possesses or controls
9 information of the addition of PFAS chemicals; and provided further, that “intentionally-added
10 PFAS” shall include any degradation products containing PFAS chemicals or products for which
11 PFAS chemicals or PFAS precursors are used as a processing agent or mold release agent or
12 PFAS created by chemical reactions.

13 “Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances” or “PFAS chemicals”, a class of
14 fluorinated organic chemicals containing at least 1 fully fluorinated carbon atom.

15 No state agency or state authority shall provide funding for the purchase, use or
16 installation of artificial turf that contains zinc, plastic, or intentionally-added perfluoroalkyl and
17 polyfluoroalkyl substances for any new or existing field. Any existing artificial turf field
18 containing zinc, plastic, or intentionally-added PFAS chemicals shall be allowed to be used for
19 its useful life but shall not be replaced with artificial turf containing zinc, plastic, or
20 intentionally-added PFAS chemicals.

21 SECTION 2. Chapter 40 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
22 adding the following section:-

23 Section 70.

24 “Intentionally-added PFAS”, PFAS chemicals that are added to a product or that enter the
25 product from the manufacturing or processing of the product; provided, however, that the
26 manufacturer of the product knows, or is reasonably expected to know, or possesses or controls
27 information of the addition of PFAS chemicals; and provided further, that “intentionally-added
28 PFAS” shall include any degradation products containing PFAS chemicals or products for which
29 PFAS chemicals or PFAS precursors are used as a processing agent or mold release agent or
30 PFAS created by chemical reactions.

31 “Local government”, a county, city, town or other municipal entity.

32 “Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances” or “PFAS chemicals”, a class of
33 fluorinated organic chemicals containing at least 1 fully fluorinated carbon atom.

34 No local government shall provide funding for the purchase, use or installation of
35 artificial turf that contains zinc, plastic, or intentionally-added perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl
36 substances for any new or existing field. Any existing artificial turf field containing zinc, plastic,
37 or intentionally-added PFAS chemicals shall be allowed to be used for its useful life but shall not
38 be replaced with artificial turf containing zinc, plastic, or intentionally-added PFAS chemicals.