

HOUSE No. 1008

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul A. Schmid, III

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 establishing a commission on livestock shelter requirements.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>	<i>1/26/2021</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>	<i>2/9/2021</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Susan L. Moran</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>3/5/2021</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/5/2021</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>3/5/2021</i>
<i>Daniel R. Carey</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>	<i>3/5/2021</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>3/16/2021</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>3/19/2021</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>3/24/2021</i>
<i>Kip A. Diggs</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>	<i>4/8/2021</i>
<i>Norman J. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>	<i>4/8/2021</i>

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By Mr. Schmid of Westport, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1008) of Paul A. Schmid, III and others for legislation to establish a commission on livestock shelter requirements within the Department of Agricultural Resources to develop standards for the appropriate sheltering of livestock from weather elements. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 868 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**
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An Act establishing a commission on livestock shelter requirements.

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 128 of the General Laws, as so appearing in the 2016 official
2 edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following new section:-

3 Section 116. (a) The Commissioner of Agricultural Resources shall convene a
4 Commission on Livestock Shelter Requirements consisting of 7 members, of which the
5 Commissioner or his designee shall be a member and chair. Additional members shall include: a
6 representative of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, a
7 representative of the Animal Rescue League of Massachusetts, a representative of the
8 Massachusetts Veterinary Medical Association, a representative of the Cummings School of

9 Veterinary Medicine, a representative of the Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation and a
10 representative of the Massachusetts Chapter of the Northeast Organic Farming organization.

11 (b) The purpose of the task force shall be to develop standards for the appropriate
12 sheltering of livestock from weather elements. Said standards shall consider requirements
13 appropriate to the species, age and condition of animals.

14 (c) The standards shall be published within 18 months of passage of this bill. They shall
15 serve as standards for enforcement by agents of organizations listed in section 57 of chapter 22C
16 of the General Laws, who have been designated as special state police officers under that law.

17 (d) The Commission shall reconvene at the request of the Commissioner or any 3
18 members for the purpose of updating the Livestock Shelter Requirements.