

HOUSE No. 2128

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Stephen Kulik

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 relative to cool season grass seed.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Stephen Kulik

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

1st Franklin

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By Mr. Kulik of Worthington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2128) of Stephen Kulik relative to requiring a testing period for cool season grass seed . Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to cool season grass seed.

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 86 of chapter 128 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended in line 21 by inserting after the word “percentages”, the
3 following:-

4 , and provided further that lawn seeding mixtures may also include a “sell by” statement

5 SECTION 2. Section 90 of chapter 128 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
6 Official Edition, is hereby amended in line 2 by inserting after the words “flower or tree and
7 shrub seed” the following:-

8 , except for cool season lawn and turf grass seed mixtures as provided in (a),

9 SECTION 3. Section 90 of chapter 128 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
10 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following:-

11 (a) No person shall sell, offer for sale or expose for sale any cool season lawn and
12 turf grass seed within the commonwealth unless the test to determine the percentage of
13 germination required by section eighty-six was completed within a 15 month period, exclusive of
14 the calendar month in which the test was completed, immediately prior to sale, exposure for sale
15 or offering for sale or transportation.

16 SECTION 4. Section 84 of chapter 128 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
17 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following definition for “cool season lawn
18 and turf grass seed”:-

19 “cool season lawn and turf grass seed”, means the seed of any lawn and turf grass
20 identified in the section of the most current Recommended Uniform State Seed Law, as
21 established by the Association of American Seed Control Officials, pertaining to label
22 requirements for agricultural, vegetable, and flower seeds.