

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2551**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Elizabeth A. Malia***

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*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 promoting urban agriculture and horticulture.**

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Dylan A. Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>
<i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>First Essex</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Russell E. Holmes</i>	<i>6th Suffolk</i>
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>

<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>
<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>Rady Mom</i>	<i>18th Middlesex</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>
<i>Harold P. Naughton, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Worcester</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Angelo M. Scaccia</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>

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By Ms. Malia of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2551) of Elizabeth A. Malia and others relative to the assessed value of real estate in agricultural or horticultural use. Revenue.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3338 OF 2017-2018.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act promoting urban agriculture and horticulture.

*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 5 of chapter 59 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is  
2 hereby amended by adding the following clause: -

3 Fifty-ninth. Up to 100 percent of the assessed value of real estate in agricultural,  
4 horticultural or agricultural and horticultural use, as those terms are defined in sections 1 and 2  
5 of chapter 61A, provided that the real estate or portion thereof in agricultural, horticultural or  
6 agricultural and horticultural use is less than 2 acres in area; provided further, that gross sales of  
7 agricultural, horticultural or agricultural and horticultural products resulting from such uses  
8 together total not less than \$500 in the previous year. The exemption provided in this clause shall  
9 apply only to the portion of real estate in agricultural, horticultural or agricultural and  
10 horticultural use. This clause shall take effect in any city or town upon acceptance of this section;

11 provided, that such city or town has a population of at least 50,000 inhabitants or meets the  
12 definition of a gateway municipality under section 3A of chapter 23A. The legislative body of  
13 any city or town that accepts this clause shall establish and may thereafter modify the percentage  
14 of the assessed value exempt from taxation.