

HOUSE No. 256

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Leonard Mirra

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to updating the plumbing code in order to accomodate agricultural uses.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Leonard Mirra</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>
<i>Bradford Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>
<i>Christopher M. Markey</i>	<i>9th Bristol</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>Stephen Kulik</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Brian R. Mannal</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>

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By Mr. Mirra of West Newbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 256) of Leonard Mirra and others that the Division of Professional Licensure amend the Uniform State Plumbing Code and associated regulations to include a category of agricultural buildings and operations. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to updating the plumbing code in order to accomodate agricultural uses.

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. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the division of
2 professional licensure is authorized and directed to amend the Uniform State Plumbing Code,
3 under to 248 CMR 10.00, and associated regulations to include a category of agricultural
4 buildings and operations, as defined by section 1A of chapter 128, separate from regulations
5 governing residential and commercial buildings; provided however, that such amendments shall
6 follow the recommendations provided by the advisory committee formed pursuant to subsection
7 (b) and are approved by the division of professional licensure.

8 (b) The division shall assemble an advisory committee, consisting of: the chair of the
9 board of state examiners of plumbers and gas fitters, or his designee; the commissioner of the
10 department of agricultural resources, or his designee, who shall chair the advisory committee;
11 the commissioner of the department of public health, or his designee; one member to be
12 appointed by the division of professional licensure, who shall be a plumbing inspector who
13 works for a municipality; and two members appointed by the commissioner of the department of
14 agricultural resources, one of whom shall be a representative of the Massachusetts Farm Bureau
15 Federation and one of whom shall represent the interests of the agricultural community. The
16 advisory committee shall make recommendations to division for amendments to the Uniform
17 State Plumbing Code, under to 248 CMR 10.00, and associated regulations pursuant to
18 subsection (a). Such recommendations shall seek to ensure the safety and efficacy of plumbing
19 with agricultural buildings, as well as on-farm processing operations, while ensuring that such
20 requirements are not unnecessarily restrictive and do not unduly interfere with agricultural

21 development within the Commonwealth. The advisory committee shall submit its
22 recommendations to the division within 12 months of the effective date of this act.

23 (c) The division shall complete and make its amendments to the Uniform State Plumbing
24 Code within 6 months of completion of the advisory committee recommendations pursuant to
25 subsection (b).