

# **HOUSE . . . . . No. 3857**

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 21, 2014.

The committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 717) of Anne M. Gobi and others relative to the distribution of raw milk, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 3857) ought to pass.

For the committee,

ANNE M. GOBI.

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**In the Year Two Thousand Fourteen**  
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An Act relative to the distribution of raw milk.

*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 94 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
2 Section 13 the following section:-

3           Section 13 A ½ (a) Licensed raw milk farmers will be allowed to deliver raw milk  
4 directly to the consumer, off-site from the farm, provided that the raw milk farmer have a direct,  
5 contractual relationship with the consumer. The raw milk farmer may contract with a third party  
6 for delivery provided that the raw milk farmer shall maintain the contractual relationship with the  
7 consumer. The raw milk farmer may deliver raw milk through a community supported  
8 agriculture (CSA) delivery system provided that the raw milk farmer shall maintain a contractual  
9 relationship with the consumer. Delivery may be made directly to the consumer’s residence or to  
10 a pre-established receiving site; said sites shall not be in a retail setting with the exception of  
11 CSA delivery. In such instances, raw milk shall be kept separated from retail items for sale and  
12 will not be accessible to the general public.

13           (b) Raw milk farmers may sell raw milk from their farm stands even if not contiguous to  
14 their raw milk dairy and shall comply with section 3 of chapter 40 of the General Laws.

15           (c) The Commissioner of the Department of Agricultural Resources, in consultation with  
16 the Department of Public Health, shall adopt and promulgate reasonable rules and regulations  
17 governing the handling, packaging, storage and transportation of raw milk, non-mechanical  
18 refrigeration shall be permitted.