

HOUSE No. 04143

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

George T. Ross

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 exempting farmers' markets from certain property taxes.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>George T. Ross</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Bradford Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>
<i>Steven L. Levy</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Shaunna O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol, and Middlesex</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>

Daniel B. Winslow

9th Norfolk

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By Mr. Ross of Attleboro, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of George T. Ross and others for legislation to exempt farmers’ markets from certain property taxes. Revenue.

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In the Year Two Thousand Twelve
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An Act relative to exempting farmers’ markets from certain property taxes.

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 2B of chapter 59 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, in line 18, after the words “and laws”, the following:
3 ; provided further, that, subject to section 4 of chapter 4, for the purposes of this section, a
4 farmers’ market, as defined by the Massachusetts department of agricultural resources, shall be
5 considered a public purpose.