

# **HOUSE . . . . . No. 4233**

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 15, 2018.

The committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 431) of Paul R. Heroux and Carlos Gonzalez relative to farmers' markets and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 432) of Paul R. Heroux relative to farmers' markets, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4233) ought to pass.

For the committee,

SMITTY PIGNATELLI.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to farmers' markets.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 128 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 1A the  
2 following section:-

3 Section 1B. "Farmers Market" shall mean a public market or public market place located  
4 in a city or town that operates or occurs more than once per year for the primary purpose for  
5 Massachusetts farmers, from more than 1 farm, to vend food, crops and other farm related items  
6 that they have produced directly to the public.

7 A public market or public market place used by farmers that is established by a  
8 municipality under section 10 of chapter 40, or operates on department of conservation and  
9 recreation land by special permit under section 2F of chapter 132A, shall be deemed under this  
10 definition as a "Farmers Market".