

HOUSE No. 652

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Carolyn C. Dykema

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 to ensure appropriate regulation of piggeries.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>
<i>Barbara L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Stephen Kulik</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. Dykema of Holliston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 652) of Carolyn C. Dykema and others for legislation to further regulate the operation of piggeries based on their impact on air and water quality. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 686 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act to ensure appropriate regulation of piggeries.

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 143 of chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the
2 following sentences:-

3 However, no piggery shall be prohibited or closed absent any significant and persistent
4 impact on air or water quality, or reasonable cause to believe that such impacts will occur. In
5 determining whether piggeries or proposed piggeries pose or may pose significant and persistent
6 impacts, boards shall rely on guidance and standards produced by the Natural Resources
7 Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture or other appropriate
8 guidance and standards as identified by the department of agricultural resources.