

HOUSE No. 792

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Carmine Lawrence Gentile

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 relative to the prohibition of the transfer or use of glyphosate in the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>
<i>John Barrett, III</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>
<i>Liz Miranda</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Gentile of Sudbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 792) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile and others for legislation to establish a penalty for the transfer or use of glyphosate in the Commonwealth. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to the prohibition of the transfer or use of glyphosate in the Commonwealth.

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.

2 a) No person, firm, partnership, association, limited liability company or corporation
3 shall distribute, sell, offer for sale or use glyphosate or any products containing glyphosate
4 within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

5 b) For the purposes of this section, glyphosate shall mean a synthetic compound that is a
6 non-selective systemic herbicide, also known as N-(phosphonomethyl) glycerin with a chemical
7 formula of C3H8NO5P.

8 c) The Department of Environmental Protection is authorized to promulgate such rules
9 and regulations as it shall deem necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

10 Section 2.

11 This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a law; provided, however,
12 that effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation
13 necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date is authorized and directed to be
14 made and completed on or before such effective date.

15 Section 3.

16 Any person, firm, partnership, association, limited liability company or corporation who
17 violates any provision of this chapter, or any regulation, order, license or approval issued or
18 adopted thereunder: (a) shall be punished by a fine of not more than twenty-five thousand
19 dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than two years in a house of correction, or both, for
20 each such violation; or (b) shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed twenty-five thousand
21 dollars for each such violation.