

HOUSE No. 811

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Carmine Lawrence Gentile and Mary S. Keefe

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 improving pesticide protections for Massachusetts schoolchildren.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>1/29/2023</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>2/2/2023</i>
<i>Margaret R. Scarsdale</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/7/2023</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/13/2023</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/18/2023</i>
<i>Kate Lipper-Garabedian</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/22/2023</i>

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By Representatives Gentile of Sudbury and Keefe of Worcester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 811) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile, Mary S. Keefe and others relative to pesticide products eligible for use on the outdoor grounds of schools, child care centers or school age child care programs. Environment and Natural Resources.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to improving pesticide protections for Massachusetts schoolchildren.

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 4. Said section 6G of said chapter 132B, as so appearing, is hereby further
2 amended by adding following paragraph:-

3 Notwithstanding the forgoing, a school, child care center, public institution of higher
4 education or school age child care program shall only use pesticide products that: (i) are
5 classified by the United States Environmental Protection Agency as an exempt material pursuant
6 to 40 C.F.R. 152.25, as amended; or (ii) include no active ingredients other than those published
7 in the National List at 7 C.F.R 205.601, as amended; provided, however, that a school, child care
8 center, public institution of higher education or school age child care program may be granted a
9 hardship waiver, at the discretion of the department, for use of a pesticide that does not meet
10 such qualifications.