

HOUSE No. 814

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Carmin 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 empowering towns and cities to protect residents and the environment from harmful pesticides.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Carmin Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2023</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>Samantha Montaño</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>Steven Owens</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/7/2023</i>
<i>John Barrett, III</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/15/2023</i>
<i>Margaret R. Scarsdale</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	<i>2/15/2023</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>2/17/2023</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/18/2023</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>2/22/2023</i>

Sean Garballey

23rd Middlesex

2/28/2023

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By Representative Gentile of Sudbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 814) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile and others relative to the powers of cities and town to regulate, restrict or prohibit the use, application or disposal of certain pesticides. Environment and Natural Resources.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 910 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**
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An Act empowering towns and cities to protect residents and the environment from harmful pesticides.

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. The second paragraph of section 1 of chapter 132B of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the second sentence
3 and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:-

4 This chapter shall determine the regulation of labeling, distribution, sale, storage,
5 transportation, use and application, and disposal of pesticides in the commonwealth; provided,
6 however, that this chapter shall establish the minimum standards and restrictions relative to the
7 use and application and disposal of pesticides, and cities and towns may, by a majority vote of
8 the legislative body and approval from the municipality's board of health, adopt ordinances and
9 by-laws that regulate, restrict or prohibit the use and application or disposal of pesticides within

10 the city or town that are more stringent than the standards and restrictions established by this
11 chapter; provided further, that for purposes of this section, “use and application” and “disposal”
12 of pesticides shall not include the transportation of pesticides.