

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 868**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Paul A. Schmid, III***

*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 establishing a commission on livestock shelter requirements.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>
<i>Daniel R. Carey</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>

*Harold P. Naughton, Jr.*

*12th Worcester*

*Norman J. Orrall*

*12th Bristol*

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By Mr. Schmid of Westport, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 868) of Paul A. Schmid, III and others for legislation to establish a commission on livestock shelter requirements within the Department of Agricultural Resources to develop standards for the appropriate sheltering of livestock from weather elements. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act establishing a commission on livestock shelter requirements.

*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. Chapter 128 of the General Laws, as so appearing in the 2016 official  
2 edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following new section:-

3           Section 116. (a) The Commissioner of Agricultural Resources shall convene a  
4 Commission on Livestock Shelter Requirements consisting of 7 members, of which the  
5 Commissioner or his designee shall be a member and chair. Additional members shall include: a  
6 representative of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, a  
7 representative of the Animal Rescue League of Massachusetts, a representative of the  
8 Massachusetts Veterinary Medical Association, a representative of the Cummings School of  
9 Veterinary Medicine, a representative of the Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation and a  
10 representative of the Massachusetts Chapter of the Northeast Organic Farming organization.

11           (b) The purpose of the task force shall be to develop standards for the appropriate  
12     sheltering of livestock from weather elements. Said standards shall consider requirements  
13     appropriate to the species, age and condition of animals.

14           (c)The standards shall be published within 18 months of passage of this bill. They shall  
15     serve as standards for enforcement by agents of organizations listed in section 57 of chapter 22C  
16     of the General Laws, who have been designated as special state police officers under that law.

17           (d) The Commission shall reconvene at the request of the Commissioner or any 3  
18     members for the purpose of updating the Livestock Shelter Requirements.