

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1793**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Dean A. Tran*

*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 preservation of agricultural lands.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Dean A. Tran</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>	
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>	
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/2/2019</i>

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By Mr. Tran, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1793) of Dean A. Tran, James Arciero, Ryan C. Fattman and David F. DeCoste for legislation to the preserve agricultural lands. Revenue.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1465 OF 2017-2018.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)  
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An Act relative to the preservation of agricultural lands.

*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. Section 4 of chapter 61A of the general laws, as so appearing in the 2016  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end of the first paragraph thereof the  
3 following new paragraph: -

4           Whenever an owner holds two or more non-contiguous areas of land in one or more  
5 subdivisions of the commonwealth equaling not less than five acres, said owner shall have right  
6 to apply for the provisions of this section provided all parcels are within a 10-mile radius of one  
7 another, or within the confines of a single municipality. Said acreage shall meet all the  
8 requirements for the benefits of this section as if the land was contiguous.