

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2188**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Benjamin B. Downing***

*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 partition fences.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Benjamin B. Downing*

*Gailanne M. Cariddi*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and  
Hampden*

*1st Berkshire*

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By Mr. Downing, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2188) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Benjamin B. Downing and Gailanne M. Cariddi for legislation relative to partition fences. Municipalities and Regional Government.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to partition fences.

*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 3 of chapter 49 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is  
2 hereby amended by inserting, at the end thereof, the following new paragraph:-

3 “An occupant who keeps livestock or poultry within such an enclosure shall be  
4 responsible for the full cost of maintenance of partition fences if the adjoining occupant does not  
5 keep livestock or poultry, unless both occupants otherwise agree”.