

**SENATE . . . . . No. 447**

---

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Julian Cyr*

*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:	
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Liz Miranda</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/21/2019</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>2/21/2019</i>

**SENATE . . . . . No. 447**

---

By Mr. Cyr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 447) of Julian Cyr, Patricia D. Jehlen, Sal N. DiDomenico, Liz Miranda and other members of the General Court for legislation to empower towns and cities to protect residents and the environment from harmful pesticides. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

---

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
\_\_\_\_\_

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 2016 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the second sentence  
3    and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- This chapter shall regulate the labeling,  
4    distribution, sale, storage, transportation, use and application, and disposal of pesticides in the  
5    commonwealth; provided, however, that this chapter shall establish the minimum standards and  
6    restrictions relative to the use and application and disposal of pesticides, and cities and towns  
7    may, by a majority vote of the legislative body and approval from the municipality's board of  
8    health, adopt ordinances and by-laws that regulate, restrict or prohibit the use and application or  
9    disposal of pesticides within the city or town that are more stringent than the standards and  
10   restrictions established by this chapter; provided further, that for purposes of this section, “use  
11   and application” and “disposal” of pesticides shall not include the transportation of pesticides.