SENATE No. 992

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Anne M. Gobi, (BY REQUEST)

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 placing a moratorium on slaughterhouse infrastructure.

PETITION OF:

Name:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Jill Woodworth	

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By Ms. Gobi (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 992) of Jill Woodworth for legislation to place a moratorium on slaughterhouse infrastructure. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Alassachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court (2023-2024)

An Act placing a moratorium on slaughterhouse infrastructure.

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 164 of the General Laws as so appearing in the 2022 Official
- 2 Edition is hereby amended by inserting after section 148 the following section:
- 3 Section 149. (a) As used in this section, the following words shall have the following
- 4 meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise:
- 5 "Slaughterhouse" a facility where the slaughtering of meat from animals, including
- 6 chickens, turkeys, pigs, cattle, ducks, sheep, and other animals, takes place and that has annual
- 7 revenues of thirty thousand dollars or more.
- 8 (b) Notwithstanding any other law and beginning January 1, 2024, slaughterhouses shall
- 9 not commence nor expand operations. This section does not prohibit a person from completing
- 10 construction of a slaughterhouse if the person had begun the construction, or expansion, before
- 11 January 1, 2023.

Any person that violates this chapter is civilly liable for a penalty in an amount not to exceed a sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per violation per day. If, after examination of a complaint by the secretary or a member of the public and of the evidence, the Attorney General believes a violation of this chapter has occurred, the Attorney General shall bring an action for civil penalties or an injunction in the name of the people of this state in a court of competent jurisdiction against any person violating this chapter. If, acting upon the Attorney General's own initiative, the Attorney General believes a violation of this chapter has occurred, the Attorney General may bring an action for civil penalties or an injunction in the name of the people of this state in a court of competent jurisdiction against any person violating this chapter.