

HOUSE No. 168

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul W. Mark

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 organic farming tools.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>4/5/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>4/5/2021</i>

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By Mr. Mark of Peru, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 168) of Paul W. Mark and others for legislation to authorize the use of biological and botanical pesticide products that are considered appropriate for organic farming on hemp and marijuana. Cannabis Policy.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3532 OF 2019-2020.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)

An Act relative to organic farming tools.

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 6A of Chapter 132B is hereby amended by adding:

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3 The department and the Pesticide Control Board shall authorize the application on hemp
4 and marijuana of biological and botanical pesticide products that are considered appropriate for
5 organic farming, provided that the EPA allows application of the product's active and inert
6 ingredients on food and tobacco crops and has not established a federal tolerance limit. In
7 implementing this provision, the Department of Agricultural Resources shall consider the
8 pesticide regulations and guidance of other cannabis and hemp legalization states, including

- 9 Colorado, California and Oregon, shall avoid inclusion of genetically modified products, and
- 10 shall develop guidance or regulations implementing this provision.