

HOUSE No. 250

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 an agricultural healthy incentives program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>John Barrett, III</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>

<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Daniel R. Carey</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Gerard J. Cassidy</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>3/5/2021</i>
<i>Peter Capano</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>	<i>3/2/2021</i>
<i>Patricia A. Duffy</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	<i>3/3/2021</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>3/8/2021</i>
<i>Jon Santiago</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/5/2021</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>3/8/2021</i>
<i>Michael P. Kushmerek</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>3/10/2021</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/14/2021</i>
<i>Kate Lipper-Garabedian</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>	<i>3/31/2021</i>
<i>Kip A. Diggs</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>	<i>4/1/2021</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>4/2/2021</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>4/6/2021</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>	<i>4/9/2021</i>

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By Mr. Mark of Peru, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 250) of Paul W. Mark and others for legislation to authorize agricultural healthy incentives program. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to an agricultural healthy incentives program.

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 128 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 2E the following section:-

3 Section 2F. (a) The department of transitional assistance, in partnership with the
4 department of agricultural resources and the department of public health, shall operate a healthy
5 incentives program. The program shall provide that Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
6 benefits, established pursuant to the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, 7 U.S.C. section 2011
7 hereinafter referred to as SNAP, redeemed for fruit and vegetable purchases, either fresh,
8 canned, dried or frozen, by a SNAP recipient at a participating vendor, shall entitle the recipient
9 to receive a matching benefit reimbursed on the recipient’s EBT card, within limits to be
10 established by the department.

11 (b) There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a separate
12 fund, to be administered by the commissioner of the department of transitional assistance, which

13 shall be known as the Massachusetts Healthy Incentives Fund. The Fund shall consist of all
14 revenues from public and private sources as appropriations, gifts, grants, donations,
15 reimbursements from the federal government and grants-in-aid or other receipts to further the
16 purposes of the Fund in accordance with this section.

17 (c) The Department of Transitional Assistance and its partners may apply for any
18 available federal programs such as Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program administered
19 by the United States Department of Agriculture to provide matching benefits to be deposited in
20 the Fund.

21 SECTION 2. The Department of Transitional Assistance shall promulgate rules and
22 regulations to implement the program set forth in section 1.