

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 686**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

*Carolyn C. Dykema*

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*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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act to ensure appropriate regulation of piggeries.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>
<i>Stephen Kulik</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. Dykema of Holliston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 686) of Carolyn C. Dykema and others for legislation to further regulate the operation of piggeries based on their impact on air and water quality. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act to ensure appropriate regulation of piggeries.

*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 143 of chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after the  
2 last sentence:-

3 “However, no piggery shall be prohibited or closed absent any significant and persistent  
4 impact on air or water quality, or reasonable cause to believe that such impacts will occur. In  
5 determining whether piggeries or proposed piggeries pose or may pose significant and persistent  
6 impacts, boards shall rely on guidance and standards produced by the USDA Natural Resources  
7 Conservation Service or other appropriate guidance and standards as identified by the  
8 Department of Agricultural Resources.”