

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1409**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Richard J. Ross***

*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 relative to exempting farmers' markets from certain property taxes.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael R. Knapik</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>

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By Mr. Ross, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1409) of Richard J. Ross, Bruce E. Tarr, Michael R. Knapik and Paul R. Heroux for legislation to exempt certain farmers' markets from certain property taxes. Revenue.

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act relative to exempting farmers' markets from certain property taxes.

*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 2B of chapter 59 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, in line 18, after the words “and laws”, the  
3 following:-; provided further, that, subject to section 4 of chapter 4, for the purposes of this  
4 section, a farmers’ market, as defined by the Massachusetts department of agricultural resources,  
5 shall be considered a public purpose.