

SENATE No. 1619

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 adoption 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>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Eric P. Lesser</i>	<i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/14/2017</i>

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By Mr. Ross, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1619) of Richard J. Ross, Ryan C. Fattman, Donald F. Humason, Jr., Eric P. Lesser and others for legislation to exempt certain farmers' markets from certain property taxes. Revenue.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1548 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

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 2014
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."