

HOUSE No. 3927

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Dylan Fernandes

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 empowering towns to protect their environment and residents from harmful pesticides.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Dylan Fernandes

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket

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By Mr. Fernandes of Falmouth, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Dylan Fernandes relative to the powers of cities and town to regulate, restrict or prohibit the use, application or disposal of certain pesticides. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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

An Act empowering towns to protect their environment and residents from harmful pesticides.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 The second paragraph of section 1 of chapter 132B of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the second sentence and inserting in
3 place thereof the following sentence:- This chapter shall regulate the labeling, distribution, sale,
4 storage, transportation, use and application, and disposal of pesticides in the commonwealth;
5 provided, however, that this chapter shall establish the minimum standards and restrictions
6 relative to the use and application and disposal of pesticides, and cities and towns may, by a
7 majority vote of the legislative body, adopt ordinances and by-laws that regulate, restrict or
8 prohibit the use and application or disposal of pesticides within the city or town that are more
9 stringent than the standards and restrictions established by this chapter.