

# SENATE . . . . No. 230

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To accompany the petition of the Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation, by Carleton I. Pickett and Philip A. Graham for legislation relative to exemption of agricultural usage under the zoning law. Mercantile Affairs.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Two.

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### AN ACT TO AMEND THE ZONING ENABLING LAW.

*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 25 of chapter 40 of the General Laws, as  
2 most recently amended by section 1 of chapter 325 of  
3 the acts of 1950, is hereby further amended by adding  
4 at the end the following paragraph:—

5 A building, structure or land used or to be used for  
6 agricultural purposes including the production of  
7 poultry and poultry products shall be exempted from  
8 the operation of a zoning ordinance or by-law if the  
9 area of the land consists of a minimum of three acres.  
10 Nothing in this enabling act shall operate to forbid  
11 the use of land for farming by reason of its having  
12 been out of sufficient usage for a period of less than  
13 three years nor shall any zoning ordinance or by-law  
14 be construed to prevent the sale of such buildings,  
15 structure or land used for agriculture or a continu-  
16 ation of such usage.

