

By Mr. Lambert of Fall River, petition of Edward M. Lambert, Jr., for legislation to promote the purchasing of Massachusetts grown and produced products. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO PROMOTE PURCHASE OF MASSACHUSETTS GROWN AND PRODUCED PRODUCTS AND TO REVEAL COMPLIANCE WITH THE SMALL BUSINESS PURCHASING ACT OF 1976, WITH RESPECT TO STATE FOOD PURCHASING.

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. In order to enhance the overall economy of the
2 Commonwealth, purchasing agents for all municipal and state
3 agencies who engage in the official purchasing of foods, are to
4 specify "local produce preferred" on all bids, are to arrange where
5 feasible weekly bids for short-season food crops and full-season
6 bids for long-season food crops and seafood products, and are
7 to send the department of food and agriculture notices of all bids.

1 SECTION 2. The chief purchasing agent of every state agency
2 which engages in the purchase of foods for residents of state
3 institutions and universities, shall each provide a written account
4 of the percentage of their food purchases that are produced by
5 Massachusetts farms and fisheries, pursuant to the intents of
6 Chapter 434 of the Acts of 1976. Said written reports shall be filed
7 jointly with the Clerk of the House and the Secretary of
8 Administration and Finance no later than the first Wednesday of
9 December, nineteen hundred and ninety-two.

