

HOUSE No. 2076

By Mr. Lambert of Fall River, petition of Edward M. Lambert, Jr., for legislation to establish a small farms marketing revolving loan fund. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SMALL FARMS MARKETING REVOLVING LOAN FUND.

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. Chapter 20 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 21 the following section: —
3 Section 22. There shall be a small farms marketing revolving
4 loan fund set up in the department of food and agriculture for
5 the purpose of providing low-interest loans to assist in the
6 marketing of products from farmers' markets, agricultural coop-
7 eratives farm roadside produce stands, maple syrup houses and
8 other owned-operated businesses which sell agricultural products
9 produced in the commonwealth. Said revolving loan fund shall
10 be administered by the division of agriculture development.

1 SECTION 2. The amount of one million dollars is hereby
2 appropriated for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of
3 this act.

1 SECTION 3. The commissioner of food and agriculture shall
2 promulgate rules and regulations for the operation of the small
3 farms marketing revolving loan fund within one hundred and
4 twenty days of the effective date of this act.

