

HOUSE No. 4000

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4000) of Paul McMurtry and others relative to the liability of farmers' markets. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul McMurtry

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to farmers markets.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Paul McMurtry	11th Norfolk
George N. Peterson, Jr.	9th Worcester
Stephen Kulik	1st Franklin
Daniel E. Bosley	1st Berkshire
William Smitty Pignatelli	4th Berkshire
Rosemary Sandlin	3rd Hampden
Demetrius J. Atsalis	Second Barnstable
Donald F. Humason, Jr.	4th Hampden
Martin J. Walsh	13th Suffolk
Kevin Aguiar	7th Bristol
Kay Khan	11th Middlesex
Richard J. Ross	9th Norfolk
Lida E. Harkins	13th Norfolk
Benjamin Swan	11th Hampden
Michael F. Rush	10th Suffolk
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO FARMERS MARKETS.

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 10 of chapter 40 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

3 Any person who displays, exhibits or sells their homemade or home grown products or
4 produce within the commonwealth at public farmers' markets and farm stands shall be allowed
5 to provide customers with taste samples of their products without incurring any liability.
6 Conformity to sanitary health codes and requirements such as sinks and heating apparatus shall
7 not be applicable under this paragraph.