

HOUSE No. 2013

By Mrs. Metayer of Braintree, petition of Elizabeth N. Metayer for legislation to authorize the burning of grass, hay or leaves during certain months of each year. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-One.

AN ACT TO PERMIT THE BURNING OF GRASS, HAY, OR LEAVES DURING CERTAIN PERIODS.

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

1 Notwithstanding the provisions of section one hundred and
2 forty-two A or section one hundred and forty-two B of Chapter
3 one hundred and eleven of the General Laws or any other law or
4 regulation to the contrary, any person during the period from
5 October fifteenth to December first of each year and from March
6 first to June first of each year may conduct the open burning of
7 natural organic products, including grass, hay, or leaves. Said
8 person shall obtain a permit as provided in section thirteen of
9 Chapter forty-eight of the General Laws. Such permit shall be valid
10 except on days when the department of environmental quality
11 engineering determines that atmospheric ventilation will be unsuit-
12 able, or that air stagnation is forecast in the specific area, and for a
13 time specified in the permit.

14 Such open burning shall be performed in accordance with the
15 following requirements:

- 16 a.) Without causing a nuisance;
- 17 b.) With smoke minimizing fire starters, if fire starters are neces-
18 sary;
- 19 c.) Between ten o'clock ante meridian and four o'clock post
20 meridian;
- 21 d.) On land proximate to the place of generation of such prod-
22 ucts or at such other place as may be designated in the permit.

