

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Adam Scanlon

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the definition of livestock.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Adam Scanlon</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>1/19/2023</i>

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)

An Act relative to the definition of livestock.

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 1A of Chapter 128 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “horses”, the following words:- but not
3 including dogs or cats,

4 Section 1A: Farming, agriculture, farmer; definitions

5 Section 1A. "Farming" or "agriculture" shall include farming in all of its branches and the
6 cultivation and tillage of the soil, dairying, the production, cultivation, growing and harvesting of
7 any agricultural, aquacultural, floricultural or horticultural commodities, the growing and
8 harvesting of forest products upon forest land, the raising of livestock including horses, but not
9 including dogs or cats, the keeping of horses as a commercial enterprise, the keeping and raising
10 of poultry, swine, cattle and other domesticated animals used for food purposes, bees, fur-
11 bearing animals, and any forestry or lumbering operations, performed by a farmer, who is hereby
12 defined as one engaged in agriculture or farming as herein defined, or on a farm as an incident to

- 13 or in conjunction with such farming operations, including preparations for market, delivery to
- 14 storage or to market or to carriers for transportation to market.