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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Louis L. Kafka**

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*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 regulating the organic content in newly constructed and renovated lawns.

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PETITION OF:

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act regulating the organic content in newly constructed and renovated lawns.

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

SECTION 1.

Section 21 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2000 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following clause after clause (17): -

(17A) For prohibiting an organic content of less than 6% in the top 6 inches of soil for all newly constructed and renovated lawns by using Compost with a base of sand. A soil test shall be conducted both before and after construction or renovation so as to ensure the organic content of the soil meets the aforementioned requirement.