

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2823**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Paul A. Schmid, III***

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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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to landscape sprinkler systems.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>

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By Mr. Schmid of Westport, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2823) of Paul A. Schmid III, Alan Silvia and Carole A. Fiola for legislation to require landscape sprinkler systems to be constructed with automatic shutoff valves controlled by rain sensor devices. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2879 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to landscape sprinkler systems.

*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. Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule or regulation to the  
2 contrary, the state board of building regulations and standards shall amend the state building  
3 code to include rain sensor devices for newly installed or renovated residential outdoor landscape  
4 sprinkler systems. The board shall promulgate rules and regulations for the installation of  
5 sprinkler systems and the rain sensor device to override and suspend the operation of the system  
6 during periods of rainfall and shall specify the amount of rainfall required to activate a rain  
7 sensor.