

HOUSE No. 811

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act to promote water conservation..

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 Department of Revenue shall, in consultation with the Department of Agricultural
3 Resources, create a fifty percent personal income tax credit on the purchase and installation of up
4 to five-hundred dollars worth of WaterWise plants and landscaping items.

5 The Commissioner of Agriculture, in consultation with the Department of Environmental
6 Protection, shall develop a list of WaterWise plants and landscaping items intended to reduce
7 water usage, including, but not limited to: drought resistant plants that last for more than one
8 year; kits or devices specifically designed for generating compost; grey-water recovery systems
9 where the effluent is used for watering plants; rainwater recovery and storage devices where they
10 are used for watering plants; rain sensors for irrigation systems; and, underground drip irrigation
11 systems.