HOUSE No. 1747

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul A. Schmid, III

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.

PETITION OF:

NAME:DISTRICT/ADDRESS:DATE ADDED:Paul A. Schmid, III8th Bristol1/20/2011

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By Mr. Schmid of Westport, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1747) of Paul A. Schmid, III for legislation to require landscape sprinkler systems to be constructed with automatic shutoff valves with rain sensor devices. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE HOUSE, NO. 3014 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

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.