

HOUSE No. 800**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 buffer zones on land under the agricultural restriction program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>	<i>1/18/2013</i>
<i>Tom Sannicandro</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Angelo M. Scaccia</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>	
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Frank I. Smizik</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	
<i>Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>	
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	

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By Mr. Schmid of Westport, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 800) of Paul A. Schmid, III and others relative to buffer zones on land under the agricultural restriction program. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to buffer zones on land under the agricultural restriction program.

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. Section 23 of Chapter 20 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 inserting the following after section (b):-

3 (c)Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department of
4 agricultural resources, with the approval of the co-holder, if any, in its sole discretion, may allow
5 for stormwater mitigation or nitrogen mitigation purposes, in nitrogen sensitive embayment
6 watersheds, uncultivated, planted or other storm water mitigation infrastructure within 200 feet
7 of any resource area in any parcel that has been accepted into the Massachusetts Agricultural
8 Preservation Restriction program.