

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 749**

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**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>1/15/2015</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>	<i>9/3/2019</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>9/3/2019</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>	<i>9/3/2019</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>	<i>9/3/2019</i>
<i>Frank I. Smizik</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>9/3/2019</i>

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By Mr. Schmid of Westport, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 749) of Paul A. Schmid III and others relative to buffer zones on land under the agricultural restriction program. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 800 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 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, as appearing in the 2012  
2 official edition, is hereby amended by 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.