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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>1/20/2017</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/24/2017</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>	<i>1/23/2017</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/24/2017</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>	<i>1/23/2017</i>

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By Mr. Schmid of Westport, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2940) 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. 749 OF 2015-2016.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)  
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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.