

HOUSE No. 2632

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 to promote water conservation.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i> | <i>8th Bristol</i> | <i>1/10/2019</i> |
| <i>Louis L. Kafka</i> | <i>8th Norfolk</i> | <i>1/17/2019</i> |
| <i>David F. DeCoste</i> | <i>5th Plymouth</i> | <i>1/24/2019</i> |
| <i>Shawn Dooley</i> | <i>9th Norfolk</i> | <i>1/22/2019</i> |
| <i>Carole A. Fiola</i> | <i>6th Bristol</i> | <i>1/24/2019</i> |
| <i>James K. Hawkins</i> | <i>2nd Bristol</i> | <i>1/29/2019</i> |
| <i>Alan Silvia</i> | <i>7th Bristol</i> | <i>1/22/2019</i> |

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By Mr. Schmid of Westport, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2632) of Paul A. Schmid, III and others for legislation to create a twenty-five percent personal income tax credit for the purchase and installation of plants and landscaping items intended to reduce water usage. Revenue.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3349 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

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 twenty-five percent personal income tax credit, on the purchase and
4 installation of an amount not exceeding two-hundred fifty dollars of plants and landscaping items
5 intended to reduce water usage, including, but not limited to: drought resistant plants that last for
6 more than one year; kits or devices specifically designed for generating compost; grey-water
7 recovery systems where the effluent is used for watering plants; rainwater recovery and storage
8 devices where they are used for watering plants; rain sensors for irrigation systems; and,
9 underground drip irrigation systems.

10 The commissioner of the department of agricultural resources, in consultation with the
11 department of environmental protection, shall develop and maintain such a list of plants and
12 landscaping items.