

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2949**

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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 to promote water conservation.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>	<i>1/17/2023</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>

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By Representative Schmid of Westport, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2949) of Paul A. Schmid, III and Vanna Howard 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.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**

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.