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HOUSE . . . . . No. 100

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 APR Program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Paul A. Schmid III	*8th Bristol*	*1/17/2023*
Natalie M. Blais	*1st Franklin*	*1/12/2024*

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By Representative Schmid of Westport, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 100) of Paul A. Schmid, III relative to buffer zones on land under the Agricultural Preservation Restriction Program. Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to buffer zones on land under the APR Program.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 20 Section 23 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following after section (f): -

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