

HOUSE No. 1021

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Edward R. Philips

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 local protection of water resources from nutrient pollution.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Edward R. Philips</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>

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By Representative Philips of Sharon, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1021) of Edward R. Philips relative to local protection of water resources from nutrient pollution. Environment and Natural Resources.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act relative to local protection of water resources from nutrient pollution.

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 2 of chapter 128 of the General Laws, as amended by section 1 of
2 chapter 262 of the acts of 2012, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:-

3 (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of this statute, a municipality may adopt rules,
4 regulations, ordinances, or by-laws relative to nutrient management and fertilizer guidelines used
5 on lawns or non-agricultural turf, so long as such rule, regulation, ordinance or bylaw is not less
6 restrictive than regulations adopted by department of agricultural resources under section 1 and
7 shall be done in conjunction with the University of Massachusetts Amherst Extension to ensure
8 any regulations relative to plant nutrients are consistent with the program’s published
9 information, educational materials and other public outreach programs relative to nutrient
10 management and fertilizer guidelines.