

HOUSE No. 4856

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 31, 2025.

The committee on Agriculture and Fisheries, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1058) of Mark D. Sylvia and others relative to a cranberry water use transfer program, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4856) ought to be pass.

For the committee,

NATALIE M. BLAIS.

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

An Act relative to a cranberry water use transfer 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. Chapter 21G of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the
2 following section:-

3 Section 21. Registration statements and permits for withdrawals for use in a cranberry
4 operation may be transferred to and used for mitigation by other permitted or registered users.

5 SECTION 2. Not later than December 31, 2026, the department of environmental
6 protection shall establish such regulations, principles, policies and guidelines as are necessary to
7 implement section 21 of chapter 21G of the General Laws.