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**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>1/15/2025</i>

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