

HOUSE No. 2940

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 agricultural restriction program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>

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By Mr. Schmid of Westport, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2940) of Paul A. Schmid, III and others relative to buffer zones on land under the agricultural restriction program. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 749 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to buffer zones on land under the agricultural restriction 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. Section 23 of Chapter 20 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012
2 official edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following after section (b):-

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