

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1005**

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**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:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>	<i>1/26/2021</i>
<i>Susan L. Moran</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>

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By Mr. Schmid of Westport, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1005) of Paul A. Schmid, III, Susan L. Moran and David F. DeCoste for legislation to authorize storm water mitigation infrastructure on certain parcels of land under the agricultural preservation restriction program. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 870 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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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 2016  
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 storm water 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.