

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 800**

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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 passage 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>Tom Sannicandro</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Angelo M. Scaccia</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>Frank I. Smizik</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Schmid of Westport, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 800) of Paul A. Schmid, III and others relative to buffer zones on land under the agricultural restriction program. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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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 is hereby amended by  
2 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.