SENATE No. 00354

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jennifer L. Flanagan

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 phosphorus in fertilizers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:DISTRICT/ADDRESS:Jennifer L. FlanaganWorcester and Middlesex

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By Ms. Flanagan, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 354) of Flanagan for legislation relative to phosphorus in fertilizers [Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture].

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to phosphorus in fertilizers.

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 21 of the General Laws is hereby amended but inserting after section

2 63, the following section:-

3 Section 64. The department shall establish an incentive program for individual and

4 commercial fertilizer users to refrain from using products with high levels of phosphorus. They

5 shall consult with agriculture organizations on best practices. This program may include an

6 education program on the negative effects phosphorus has on public water supplies.