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HOUSE . . . . . No. 1718

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:

An Act to promote water conservation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Paul A. Schmid, III	*8th Bristol*

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By Mr. Schmid of Westport, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1718) of Paul A. Schmid, III that the Department of Revenue in consultation with the Department of Agricultural Resources provide for an income tax deduction for the purchase of certain water conserving plants and items. Revenue.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
HOUSE
, NO. *811* OF 2009-2010.]

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An Act to promote water conservation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule or regulation to the contrary, the Department of Revenue shall, in consultation with the Department of Agricultural Resources, create a fifty percent personal income tax credit on the purchase and installation of up to five-hundred dollars worth of WaterWise plants and landscaping items.

The Commissioner of Agriculture, in consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection, shall develop a list of WaterWise plants and landscaping items intended to reduce water usage, including, but not limited to: drought resistant plants that last for more than one year; kits or devices specifically designed for generating compost; grey-water recovery systems where the effluent is used for watering plants; rainwater recovery and storage devices where they are used for watering plants; rain sensors for irrigation systems; and, underground drip irrigation systems.