HOUSE DOCKET, NO. FILED ON: 1/8/2009

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

|  |
| --- |
|  |

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

PRESENTED BY:

**John F. Quinn**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

*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 to promote water conservation.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

PETITION OF:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Name: | District/Address: |
| John F. Quinn | 9th Bristol |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 843 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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.