

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:

John F. Quinn

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

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:

- 1 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule or regulation to the contrary, the Department of
2 Revenue shall, in consultation with the Department of Agricultural Resources, create a fifty percent personal income
3 tax credit on the purchase and installation of up to five-hundred dollars worth of WaterWise plants and landscaping
4 items.
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6 The Commissioner of Agriculture, in consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection, shall develop a
7 list of WaterWise plants and landscaping items intended to reduce water usage, including, but not limited to: drought
8 resistant plants that last for more than one year; kits or devices specifically designed for generating compost; grey-
9 water recovery systems where the effluent is used for watering plants; rainwater recovery and storage devices where
10 they are used for watering plants; rain sensors for irrigation systems; and, underground drip irrigation systems.