

**SENATE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Mr. Brewer**

*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 providing for the regulation of landscape sprinkler systems.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Mr. Brewer

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S02742 OF 2007-2008.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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### AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF LANDSCAPE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS.

*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 143 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 61  
2 the following section:-  
3 Section 61A. Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule or regulation to the contrary, the  
4 state board of building regulations and standards shall amend the state building code to include  
5 system interruption devices for newly installed or renovated outdoor landscape irrigation  
6 systems. The board shall adopt rules and regulations for the installation of the system  
7 interruption devices to override and suspend the programmed operation of the irrigation system  
8 during periods of sufficient moisture and shall specify the criteria that devices must meet to be  
9 accepted under this section. These regulations shall be in accordance with generally accepted  
10 standards of irrigation practice and shall also include a requirement that all such new irrigation  
11 systems be inspected every 3 years by a certified irrigation contractor (CIC), a certified  
12 landscape irrigation auditor (CLIA), or a certified irrigation designer (CID). This section shall  
13 not apply to systems operating on golf courses or agricultural lands.