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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Paul J. Donato**

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*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 a certain real property tax exemption.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Paul J. Donato | 35th Middlesex |

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act providing for a certain real property tax exemption.

*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. Section 5 of chapter 69 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by Section 114 of chapter 159 of the acts of 2000, is hereby amended by adding the following clause:—  
            Fifty-fourth. Owners of real estate in cities and towns within the waterworks system or sewer system of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority who are 65 years of age or older shall receive an exemption equal to 50 percent of charges paid to a city or town for water and sewer.