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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Bradley H. Jones, Jr.**

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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 relative to helping seniors.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Viriato Manuel deMacedo | 1st Plymouth |
| Bradley H. Jones, Jr. | 20th Middlesex |
| George N. Peterson, Jr. | 9th Worcester |
| Elizabeth Poirier | 14th Bristol |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2965 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to helping seniors.

 *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. Subsection (k) of section 6 of chapter 62 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “commissioner.”, in line 319, the following:-

 The real estate tax payment to be considered for purposes of calculating this credit shall also include 25 percent of the owner’s home heating oil, natural gas, or propane, actually paid in the taxable year for which the credit is sought.

SECTION 2. Subsection (k) of said section 6 of said chapter 62 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word “thereof.”, in line 323, the following sentence:-

The rent constituting real estate tax payment to be considered for purposes of calculating this credit shall also include 25 percent of the owner’s home heating oil, natural gas, or propane, actually paid in the taxable year for which the credit is sought.