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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Jeffrey Davis Perry**

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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 increasing the age in which a person may receive a speedy trial

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PETITION OF:

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to increasing the age in which a person may receive a speedy trial.

*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 59F of Chapter 231 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking it in its entirety and replaced with the following: --

**Chapter 231: Section 59F. Speedy trial for persons seventy-two years of age or older**

Section 59F. In any civil action in any court of the commonwealth in which one or more of the parties at the time of commencement of the proceeding is seventy-two years of age or older or during the pendency of the proceeding attains the age of seventy-two, the court shall, upon motion of such person, advance the proceeding for speedy trial so that it may be heard and determined with as little delay as possible.