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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**George N. Peterson, 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 modernizing property tax assessment for the blind. .

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| George N. Peterson, Jr. | 9th Worcester |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3072 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act modernizing property tax assessment for the blind. .

 *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 59 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the words “five thousand dollars” in line 831 and inserting, in place thereof, the words “one thousand dollars”.

SECTION 2. Section 5 of Chapter 59 of the General Laws as so appearing is hereby further amended by striking the words “four hundred and thirty-seven dollars and fifty cents” in lines 832-833 and inserting, in place thereof, the words “one thousand dollars.”

SECTION 3. Section 5 of Chapter 59 of the General Laws as so appearing is hereby further amended by striking the words “four thousand dollars of this exemption or the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars” in lines 840-841 and inserting, in place thereof, the words “five thousand dollars of this exemption of the sum of five hundred dollars.”

SECTION 4. Section 5 of Chapter 59 of the General Laws as so appearing is hereby further amended by striking the words “one thousand dollars of exemption or eighty-seven dollars and fifty cents” in lines 842-843 and inserting, in place thereof, the words “five thousand dollars of exemption or five hundred dollars.”

SECTION 5. Section 5 of Chapter 59 of the General Laws as so appearing is hereby further amended by striking clause thirty-seventh A in its entirety.