

**HOUSE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

**Kathi-Anne Reinstein**

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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 property tax relief for certain caregivers.**

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Kathi-Anne Reinstein	16th Suffolk

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3088 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 PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR CERTAIN CAREGIVERS.**

*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. Section 5 of chapter 59 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is  
2 hereby amended by adding the following clause:—

3     Fifty-sixth. The sum of \$3,000 for caregivers providing medical assistance and care to spouses or dependents 65  
4 years of age or older with long-term care needs, on property occupied by them as their domicile. For the purposes  
5 of this clause, a person with long term care needs shall be a person who has three or more limitations in activities  
6 of daily living, such as bathing, dressing, eating, toileting, transferring and continence management, or, a person  
7 with severe cognitive impairments that requires substantial supervision to be protected from threats to their  
8 health and safety due to this condition and has difficulty with one or more of the activities of daily living, or a  
9 person who has been certified by a physician to be an individual with long term care needs, for at least 180  
10 consecutive days and a portion of which has occurred within the taxable year.