

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Richard J. Ross

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 Property Taxes and Senior Citizens.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Louis L. Kafka	8th Norfolk
Richard J. Ross	9th Norfolk
F. Jay Barrows	1st Bristol
Scott P. Brown	Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex
Todd M. Smola	1st Hampden
Stephen L. DiNatale	3rd Worcester
Christine E. Canavan	10th Plymouth

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3101 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PROPERTY TAXES AND SENIOR CITIZENS..

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 5 of Chapter 59 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended
2 by adding the following paragraph:-

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4 Notwithstanding other provisions of this chapter or any general or special law to the contrary, upon
5 acceptance of this paragraph by a city or a town, the board of assessors shall annually reduce the property tax on
6 the real property of a person who has reached his sixty-fifth birthday before the fiscal year for which the tax is due,
7 and have lived in the city or town for 25 years or longer, to the amount of tax due on the property in the fiscal year
8 prior to the person reaching age 65, if the person occupies the real estate as his domicile or occupies the same
9 jointly with his spouse.

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