

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas M. Stanley

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.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Thomas M. Stanley	9th Middlesex

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following clause:—
3 Fifty-sixth. The sum of \$3,500 for caregivers providing medical assistance and care to spouses or
4 dependents 65 years of age or older with long-term care needs, on property occupied by them as their
5 domicile. For the purposes of this clause, a person with long term care needs shall be a person who has
6 three or more limitations in activities of daily living, such as bathing, dressing, eating, toileting,
7 transferring and continence management, or, a person with severe cognitive impairments that requires
8 substantial supervision to be protected from threats to their health and safety due to this condition and has
9 difficulty with one or more of the activities of daily living, or a person who has been certified by a
10 physician to be an individual with long term care needs, for at least 180 consecutive days and a portion of
11 which has occurred within the taxable year.