

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 to provide real estate tax abatement to veterans .

PETITION OF:

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

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT TO PROVIDE REAL ESTATE TAX ABATEMENT TO VETERANS .

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

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2 the authority of the same, as follows:

3 SECTION 1. Section 5 of chapter 59 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as appearing in the 1996 Official
4 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after clause twenty-second E the following new clause: -

5 Twenty-second F, Real estate of veterans, as defined in clause forty-three of section seven of chapter
6 four, who are legal residents of the commonwealth, and who were domiciled in the commonwealth for
7 at least six months prior to entering such service, or who have resided in the commonwealth for five
8 consecutive years prior to date of filing for exemption under this clause, to the amount of six thousand
9 dollars of the taxable calculation of real property or the sum of two hundred dollars, whichever would
10 result in an abatement of the greater amount of actual taxes due, provided, that such real estate is
11 occupied as his domicile by such person; and provided further, that if said property be greater than a
12 single-family house, then only that value of so much of said house as is occupied by said person as his
13 domicile or proportionate part of two hundred dollars which ever would result in an abatement of the
14 greater amount of actual taxes due, shall be exempted. This clause cannot be used in conjunction with
15 other clauses for the purpose of determining total amount of real estate abatement for a veteran.