

**SENATE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**James E. Timilty**

*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 seniors.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

James E. Timilty

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Bristol and Norfolk

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S01815 OF 2007-2008.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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**AN ACT RELATIVE TO PROPERTY TAXES AND SENIORS.**

*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  
2   2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph: -

3                   Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, upon acceptance of this  
4   paragraph by a city or town, the board of assessors shall annually reduce the property tax on the  
5   real property of a person who has reaches his seventieth birthday before the fiscal year for which  
6   the tax is due, and has lived in the municipality for 30 years or longer, to the amount of tax due  
7   on the property in the fiscal year prior to the person reaching the age of 70, if the person occupies  
8   the real estate as his domicile or occupies the same jointly with his spouse.