

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Morrissey, Michael (SEN)

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 an income tax exemption for families caring for their elderly relatives at home.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

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DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

1st Norfolk

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S00103 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN INCOME TAX EXEMPTION FOR FAMILIES CARING FOR THEIR
ELDERLY RELATIVES AT HOME.

*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 3, Part B, paragraph (b)(1) of Chapter 62 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 1988 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following new
3 subparagraph:-

4 (D) an additional exemption of four thousand dollars if the taxpayer provided more than one-half
5 of the support for an elderly relative who has attained the age of seventy before the taxable year,
6 provided that the elderly relative resided with the taxpayer for more than six months of the
7 taxable year and provided further that the adjusted gross income of the taxpayer does not exceed
8 thirty thousand dollars for the year in which the exemption is being claimed.

9 SECTION 2. Section 3, Part B, paragraph (b)(2) of Chapter 62 of the General Laws is amended
10 by adding the following new subparagraph:-

11 (D) an additional exemption of four thousand dollars if the taxpayer provided more than one-half
12 of the support for the elderly relative who has attained the age of seventy before the taxable year,
13 provided that the elderly relative resided with the taxpayer for more than six months of the
14 taxable year and provided further that the adjusted gross income of the taxpayer does not exceed
15 forty thousand dollars of the taxable year in which the exemption is being claimed.

16 SECTION 3. The commissioner shall adopt rules and regulations governing the provisions of
17 this act that are not consistent with the provisions contained herein.

18 SECTION 4. The provisions of this act shall be effective for taxable years beginning January 1,
19 1998.