

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2892**

By Mr. Ross of Wrentham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2892) of Richard J. Ross and others relative to reducing the property taxes of certain elderly persons. Revenue.

**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:
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
Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester
Willie Mae Allen	6th Suffolk
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	20th Middlesex
Geraldo Alicea	6th Worcester
Brian A. Joyce	Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth
Louis L. Kafka	8th Norfolk
Susan C. Fargo	Third Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3101 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 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:-

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