

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1685**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Paul J. Donato***

*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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act providing for a certain real property tax exemption.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Paul J. Donato</i>	<i>35th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/20/2011</i>
<i>Stephen Stat Smith</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/4/2011</i>

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By Mr. Donato of Medford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1685) of Paul J. Donato and Stephen Stat Smith relative to providing a real estate tax exemption for certain elderly persons for payments to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority. Revenue.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2722 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act providing for a certain real property tax exemption.

*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 69 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by  
2 Section 114 of chapter 159 of the acts of 2000, is hereby amended by adding the following  
3 clause:—

4                   Fifty-fourth. Owners of real estate in cities and towns within the waterworks  
5 system or sewer system of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority who are 65 years of  
6 age or older shall receive an exemption equal to 50 percent of charges paid to a city or town for  
7 water and sewer.