

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4573**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Paul McMurtry and Michael F. Rush***

*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 relative to the assessment of local property taxes in the town of Westwood.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>7/27/2016</i>
<i>Michael F. Rush</i>	<i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i>	<i>7/27/2016</i>

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By Representative McMurtry of Dedham and Senator Rush, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4573) of Paul McMurtry and Michael F. Rush (by vote of the town) relative to the assessment of local property taxes in the town of Westwood. Revenue. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to the assessment of local property taxes in the town of Westwood.

*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. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the town of  
2 Westwood may appropriate funds to the aid to the elderly and disabled taxation fund, established  
3 pursuant to section 3D of chapter 60 of the General Laws.

4           (b) The aid to the elderly and disabled taxation fund committee in the town of Westwood  
5 may distribute monies from the fund to low-income residents of the town who are 60 years of  
6 age or older or who are disabled, and who otherwise meet any additional eligibility criteria  
7 established by the town for assistance from the fund in accordance with said section 3D of said  
8 chapter 60.

9           (c) The aid to the elderly and disabled taxation fund committee may distribute monies  
10 from the fund to residents of the town who: (1) are 60 years of age or older; (2) have previously  
11 been granted a reduction in real estate tax liability by the town pursuant to section 5K of chapter

12 59 of the General Laws; and (3) are determined by the town to be physically unable provide  
13 volunteer services to the town in exchange for such a reduction in real estate tax liability  
14 pursuant to said section 5K of said section 59; provided, however, that a distribution pursuant to  
15 this subsection shall not exceed the maximum allowable reduction in a given tax year pursuant to  
16 said section 5K of said chapter 59. Any assistance granted pursuant to this subsection shall be in  
17 addition to any assistance from the fund that the recipient may otherwise be granted pursuant to  
18 subsection (b).

19 (d) Any assistance granted pursuant to this act shall be in addition to any exemption,  
20 abatement or reduction in real estate tax liability, or any payment toward such liability, to which  
21 the recipient is otherwise entitled.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.