

SENATE No. 1557

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

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 granting property tax relief to seniors.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| <i>Michael F. Rush</i> | <i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i> |
| <i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i> | <i>3rd Worcester</i> |
| <i>Josh S. Cutler</i> | <i>6th Plymouth</i> |
| <i>Michael O. Moore</i> | <i>Second Worcester</i> |
| <i>Steven S. Howitt</i> | <i>4th Bristol</i> |
| <i>Paul McMurtry</i> | <i>11th Norfolk</i> |
| <i>Richard J. Ross</i> | <i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Chris Walsh</i> | <i>6th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>David F. DeCoste</i> | <i>5th Plymouth</i> |

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By Mr. Rush, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1557) of Michael F. Rush, Stephen L. DiNatale, Josh S. Cutler, Michael O. Moore and other members of the General Court for legislation to grant property tax relief to seniors. Revenue.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1379 OF 2013-2014.]

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

An Act granting property tax relief to 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 5 of chapter 59 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new section:--

3 Fifty-eighth. Upon the acceptance of this section by a city or town, the board of assessors
4 may grant real and personal property tax abatement up to 100 per cent of the total tax assessed to
5 a resident who has attained the age of 75, subject to eligibility criteria to be established by the
6 board of assessors.