

HOUSE No. 4660

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 27, 2018.

The committee on Revenue to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4559) of James Arciero (by vote of the town) that the town of Westford be authorized to establish a real property exemption for certain disabled persons, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4660) ought to pass [Local Approval Received].

For the committee,

JAY R. KAUFMAN.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to a real property exemption for disabled persons in the town of Westford.

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. Notwithstanding the provisions of clause forty-first C of section 5 of
2 chapter 59 of the General Laws, or of any other general or special law to the contrary, the Town
3 of Westford is hereby authorized to grant the exemption provided for in said clause forty-first C
4 to applicants who are disabled persons aged 69 or younger who have been domiciled in the Town
5 of Westford for a minimum of 10 consecutive years immediately prior to the time of application,
6 provided that they meet all other qualifications contained in said clause. The amount of the
7 exemption and qualifications relating to gross receipts or a person’s whole estate, as approved by
8 town meeting from time to time, applicable to taxpayers qualified for the exemption pursuant to
9 said clause forty-first C shall apply to the same extent to applicants eligible in accordance with
10 this act. For purposes of this act, disabled persons are individuals who have received a
11 determination of disability from the United States Social Security Administration’s Disability
12 Determination Services prior to the time of application.

13 SECTION 2. At any time after the effective date of this act, an annual town meeting may
14 elect not to provide in the ensuing fiscal year the exemption authorized by section 1; such

15 election shall be effective until the exemption is reauthorized by an annual town meeting. Except
16 as otherwise provided in section 1, all other provisions of clause forty-first C of section 5 of
17 chapter 59 of the General Laws shall apply to the grant of an exemption under authority of this
18 act.

19 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.