

HOUSE No. 2586

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Norman J. Orrall

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 to protect senior independence.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Norman J. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>	<i>1/16/2019</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>1/17/2019</i>
<i>William L. Crocker, Jr.</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>	<i>1/16/2019</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>	<i>1/18/2019</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>1/23/2019</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>1/25/2019</i>
<i>RoseLee Vincent</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>1/23/2019</i>

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By Mr. Orrall of Lakeville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2586) of Norman J. Orrall and others relative to property tax relief for persons seventy-five years or older. Revenue.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act to protect senior independence.

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 59 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new clause:-

3 Fifty-ninth. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other general or special law to the
4 contrary, the Board of Assessors, in any town or city in the commonwealth, may develop a
5 process which will allow property owners, 75 years of age and older, to have their real estate
6 property taxes limited to that annual amount which was levied in the year in which they turned
7 75 or in that year in which this act shall take effect, whichever comes later, provided that such
8 real estate is owned and occupied by such older person, and provided further, that no real estate
9 shall be so exempt which the assessors shall adjudge has been conveyed to such older person to
10 evade taxation.