

HOUSE No. 2652

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Chynah Tyler

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 allowing for a tax credit for rent paid on the personal residence of the taxpayer.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Chynah Tyler</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/18/2019</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>1/28/2019</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/2/2019</i>
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>

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By Ms. Tyler of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2652) of Chynah Tyler and others for legislation to authorize tax credits for rent paid on personal residences of taxpayers. Revenue.

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

An Act allowing for a tax credit for rent paid on the personal residence of the taxpayer.

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 3 of chapter 62 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out subsection
2 B(a)(9) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

3 In the case of an individual who pays rent for his principal place of residence in excess of
4 30 percent of the taxpayer’s gross income for such taxable year and such residence is located in
5 the commonwealth, an amount equal to the applicable percentage of such excess as follows:

6 (i) 100% for an individual whose gross income is not over \$25,000, (ii) 75% for an
7 individual whose gross income is over \$25,000, but not over \$50,000, (iii) 50% for an individual
8 whose gross income is over \$50,000, but not over \$75,000, (iv) 25% for an individual whose
9 gross income is over \$75,000, but not over \$100,000, or (v) a deduction not to exceed \$3,000 for
10 a single person, for a person that qualifies as a head of household under section two (b) of the
11 Code, or for a husband and wife that together make over \$100,000 in gross income.

12 The term “rent” shall include any amount paid for utilities of a type taken into account for
13 purposes of determining the standard utility allowance, but for purposes of determining the
14 amount of credit allowed under this subsection rent shall be capped at 125% of the fair market
15 rent (including the standard utility allowance) as determined by the United States Department of
16 Housing and Urban Development.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect for tax years beginning on or after January 1,
18 2021.