

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3881**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf***

*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 protections and housing opportunities for seniors.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>1/17/2019</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>6/3/2019</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Maria Duaiame Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>

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By Mr. LeBoeuf of Worcester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3881) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf and others that the Department of Housing and Community Development establish a rental assistance program for certain persons over the age of 75 years. Housing.

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

An Act relative to protections and housing opportunities for 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 Chapter 23B of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2 Section 31. The department shall establish and administer a program of rental assistance  
3 for persons over the age of 75 years through mobile and project-based vouchers; provided, that  
4 the income of eligible households shall not exceed 80 per cent of the area median income;  
5 provided, that the department may target not less than 75 per cent of all new vouchers to  
6 households whose income at initial occupancy does not exceed 30 per cent of the area median  
7 income. The monthly dollar amount of each voucher shall be the department-approved monthly  
8 rent of the unit less the monthly amount paid for rent by the household. Each household holding  
9 a voucher shall pay at least 30 per cent, but not more than 40 per cent, of its income as rent. The  
10 department shall administer the program in a fair, just and equitable manner. The commonwealth  
11 shall accept funds from the appropriate federal authorities for said program. The department shall  
12 promulgate rules and regulations to implement this section.