

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1713**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Jason M. Lewis*

*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 the Massachusetts estate tax code.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>

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By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1713) of Jason M. Lewis and José F. Tosado for legislation relative to the Massachusetts estate tax code. Revenue.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 4210 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act relative to the Massachusetts estate tax code.

*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 2A of chapter 65C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, in line 2, after the figure “1997” the following  
3 words:-

4           and on or before December 31, 2018

5           SECTION 2. Said chapter 65C is hereby amended by inserting after section 2A the  
6 following new section:-

7           Section 2B. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the  
8 following meanings:-

9 “Adjusted taxable estate”, the sum of the taxable estate, as defined in section 2051 of the  
10 Code, and any taxable gifts, as defined in section 2503 of the Code, with a Massachusetts situs  
11 made by the decedent within 3 years of the date of death, less the exemption as determined under  
12 this subsection.

13 “Code”, the Internal Revenue Code of the United States, as amended and in effect on  
14 December 31, 2000, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

15 “CPI”, the consumer price index for any calendar year as defined in section 1 of the  
16 Code, as amended on January 1, 2005 and in effect for the calendar year.

17 “Exemption”, \$1,000,000 for calendar years beginning on or after January 1, 2019 and  
18 before January 1, 2020. For calendar years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, the exemption  
19 shall be \$1,000,000 increased by an amount equal to \$1,000,000 multiplied by the percentage, if  
20 any, by which the CPI for the preceding calendar year exceeds the CPI for calendar year 2019. If  
21 the amount as adjusted under the preceding sentence is not a multiple of \$10,000, such amount  
22 shall be rounded to the nearest multiple of \$10,000.

23 (b)(1) A tax is hereby imposed upon the transfer of the estate of each person dying on or  
24 after January 1, 2019 who, at the time of death, was a resident of the commonwealth in  
25 accordance with the following table:

If the adjusted taxable estate is:		The Massachusetts estate tax shall be:
Over	But not over	
0	90,000	1.6% of the adjusted taxable estate
90,000	140,000	\$1,440 plus 2.4% of the excess over \$90,000

30	140,000	240,000	\$2,640 plus 3.2% of the excess over \$140,000
31	240,000	440,000	\$5,840 plus 4% of the excess over \$240,000
32	440,000	640,000	\$13,840 plus 5% of the excess over \$440,000
33	640,000	840,000	\$23,840 plus 6% of the excess over \$640,000
34	840,000	1,040,000	\$35,840 plus 7% of the excess over \$840,000
35	1,040,000	1,540,000	\$49,840 plus 8% of the excess over \$1,040,000
36	1,540,000	2,040,000	\$89,840 plus 9% of the excess over \$1,540,000
37	2,040,000	2,540,000	\$134,840 plus 10% of the excess over \$2,040,000
38	2,540,000	3,040,000	\$184,840 plus 11% of the excess over \$2,540,000
39	3,040,000	3,540,000	\$239,840 plus 12% of the excess over \$3,040,000
40	3,540,000	4,040,000	\$299,840 plus 13% of the excess over \$3,540,000
41	4,040,000	5,040,000	\$364,840 plus 14% of the excess over \$4,040,000
42	5,040,000	6,040,000	\$504,840 plus 15% of the excess over \$5,040,000
43	6,040,000		\$654,840 plus 16% of the excess over \$6,040,000

44 (2) A credit shall be allowed against the tax imposed under this subsection equal to the  
45 lesser of:

46 (i) the aggregate amount of all estate, inheritance, legacy and succession taxes actually  
47 paid to the several states of the United States, other than the commonwealth, in respect to any

48 property owned by that decedent or subject to those taxes as part of or in connection with his  
49 estate; or

50 (ii) an amount equal to the proportion of the tax determined under paragraph (1) as the  
51 value of properties taxable by other states bears to the value of the entire federal gross estate  
52 wherever situated.

53 (c) A tax is hereby imposed upon the transfer of real property situated in this  
54 commonwealth and upon tangible personal property having an actual situs in this commonwealth  
55 of every person who at the time of his death was not a resident of the commonwealth. The  
56 amount of this tax is a sum equal to the proportion of the tax determined under paragraph (1) of  
57 subsection (b) which the value of Massachusetts real and tangible personal property taxed in this  
58 commonwealth subject to such tax bears to the value of the decedent's total federal gross estate.

59 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the tax imposed by subsections (a) and  
60 (b) shall be computed upon the value of any property subject to a power of appointment which is  
61 includible in the federal gross estate, notwithstanding that a tax has been paid thereon pursuant to  
62 section 14 of chapter 65.

63 (e) For the purposes of computing the tax imposed by this section, the provisions of  
64 section 3 shall not apply.