

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jay D. Livingstone

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 encourage Massachusetts residency.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Jay D. Livingstone	8th Suffolk	2/19/2021
Carlos González	10th Hampden	2/26/2021

By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2990) of Jay D. Livingstone and Carlos González relative to the estate tax. Revenue.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court (2021-2022)

An Act to encourage Massachusetts residency.

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. Chapter 65C of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out
2	subsection (a) of Section 2 and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-
3	(a) A tax computed in accordance with the following is hereby imposed on the transfer of
4	the Massachusetts taxable estate of every deceased resident of Massachusetts: -
5	Massachusetts estate tax shall be twenty percent of Massachusetts taxable estate on every
6	deceased resident of Massachusetts; provided however, that the tax under this subsection shall
7	not be greater than twenty percent of the amount by which the Massachusetts taxable estate
8	exceeds the exemption given at subsection (a) of section three.
9	SECTION 2. Section 3 of Ch. 65C of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking
10	out subsection (a) and inserting the following:
11	(a) There shall be an exemption for up to \$1 million for each Massachusetts taxable
12	estate. The amount of this exemption shall increase annually starting on March 1, 2023 and each

13	March 1 thereafter by a percentage equal to the most recent annual seasonally adjusted
14	Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers for the United States as published by the United
15	States Bureau of Labor Statistics.
16	SECTION 3. Ch. 65C of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following
17	subsection:-
18	(e) An exemption shall be provided in addition to any exemption in subsections (a), (b),
19	and (c) that the value of a deceased resident's primary residence at the time of their death shall
20	not be included in the value of Massachusetts taxable estate.