

HOUSE No. 4175

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Meghan Kilcoyne

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 senior citizen work rebate program during the COVID-19 emergency.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Meghan Kilcoyne</i> | <i>12th Worcester</i> | <i>2/19/2021</i> |
| <i>Brian W. Murray</i> | <i>10th Worcester</i> | <i>2/26/2021</i> |
| <i>David Allen Robertson</i> | <i>19th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/26/2021</i> |
| <i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i> | <i>13th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/26/2021</i> |
| <i>James B. Eldridge</i> | <i>Middlesex and Worcester</i> | <i>3/12/2021</i> |
| <i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i> | <i>20th Middlesex</i> | <i>3/12/2021</i> |
| <i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i> | <i>11th Suffolk</i> | <i>8/3/2021</i> |
| <i>Hannah Kane</i> | <i>11th Worcester</i> | <i>8/3/2021</i> |
| <i>Steven S. Howitt</i> | <i>4th Bristol</i> | <i>8/3/2021</i> |

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By Ms. Kilcoyne of Northborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4175) of Meghan Kilcoyne and others for legislation to provide for real property tax relief to certain persons over the age of 60 during the COVID-19 pandemic. Revenue.

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

An Act relative to the senior citizen work rebate program during the COVID-19 emergency.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to forthwith provide for tax relief to certain persons over the age of 60 during the COVID-19 pandemic, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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. Notwithstanding section 5K of chapter 59 of the General Laws or any other
2 general or special law to the contrary, a city or town that has accepted said section 5K may
3 reduce the real property tax obligations of persons over the age of 60 who would have otherwise
4 qualified for such reduction pursuant to said section 5K but for an inability to complete the
5 volunteer requirements due to a lack of volunteer opportunities resulting from restrictions
6 imposed in response to the 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic, also known as COVID-19;
7 provided, that no reduction of said real property tax bill shall exceed \$1,500 in a given tax year.

8 SECTION 2. This act shall expire upon the termination of the governor’s March 10, 2020
9 declaration of a state of emergency to respond to COVID-19.