

HOUSE No. 3029

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Norman J. Orrall

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 protect senior independence.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Norman J. Orrall</i> | <i>12th Bristol</i> | <i>2/12/2021</i> |
| <i>Carol A. Doherty</i> | <i>3rd Bristol</i> | <i>2/23/2021</i> |
| <i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i> | <i>1st Hampshire</i> | <i>2/23/2021</i> |
| <i>John Barrett, III</i> | <i>1st Berkshire</i> | <i>2/23/2021</i> |
| <i>Steven S. Howitt</i> | <i>4th Bristol</i> | <i>2/23/2021</i> |
| <i>Steven G. Xiarhos</i> | <i>5th Barnstable</i> | <i>2/23/2021</i> |
| <i>Mathew J. Muratore</i> | <i>1st Plymouth</i> | <i>2/24/2021</i> |
| <i>Susan Williams Gifford</i> | <i>2nd Plymouth</i> | <i>2/24/2021</i> |
| <i>Michael P. Kushmerek</i> | <i>3rd Worcester</i> | <i>2/25/2021</i> |
| <i>Colleen M. Garry</i> | <i>36th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/25/2021</i> |
| <i>Christopher Hendricks</i> | <i>11th Bristol</i> | <i>2/25/2021</i> |
| <i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i> | <i>8th Plymouth</i> | <i>2/26/2021</i> |

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By Mr. Orrall of Lakeville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3029) of Norman J. Orrall and others relative to property tax relief for persons seventy-five years or older. Revenue.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2586 OF 2019-2020.]

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

An Act to protect senior independence.

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 5 of chapter 59 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new clause:-

3 Fifty-ninth. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other general or special law to the
4 contrary, the Board of Assessors, in any town or city in the commonwealth, may develop a
5 process which will allow property owners, 75 years of age and older, to have their real estate
6 property taxes limited to that annual amount which was levied in the year in which they turned
7 75 or in that year in which this act shall take effect, whichever comes later, provided that such
8 real estate is owned and occupied by such older person, and provided further, that no real estate
9 shall be so exempt which the assessors shall adjudge has been conveyed to such older person to
10 evade taxation.