

SENATE No. 3114

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Barry R. Finegold

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 authorizing the increase of a tax exemption for eligible seniors in the town of Tewksbury.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | |
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| <i>Barry R. Finegold</i> | <i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i> | |
| <i>Tram T. Nguyen</i> | <i>18th Essex</i> | <i>9/30/2022</i> |

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By Mr. Finegold, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3114) of Barry R. Finegold (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the increase of a tax exemption for eligible seniors in the town of Tewksbury. Revenue. [Local approval received]

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

An Act authorizing the increase of a tax exemption for eligible seniors in the town of Tewksbury.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Notwithstanding the provisions of the first paragraph of clause seventeenth D of section 5
2 of chapter 59 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the town of
3 Tewksbury may grant an exemption pursuant to said clause seventeenth D in the amount of
4 \$500; provided, however, that the town of Tewksbury may decrease the minimum age of
5 eligibility for such an exemption from the age of seventy to the age of sixty-five; provided,
6 further, that the town may increase the whole estate limit, real and personal, for such an
7 exemption from forty thousand dollars to fifty-five thousand dollars; provided, further, that
8 following the enactment of this act, the Tewksbury board of selectmen may vote annually to
9 increase such exemption to an amount in excess of \$500 and increase the whole estate limit, real
10 and personal, in excess of fifty-five thousand dollars; provided, further, that such vote shall not
11 increase the exemption amount or the whole estate limit by more than 5% annually relative to the
12 most recent amount or limit established in the preceding year; and provided further, that the

13 provisions of the second paragraph of said clause seventeenth D shall apply mutatis mutandis to
14 this act.