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HOUSE . . . . . No. 5515

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Hannah Kane and Michael O. Moore

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 increase the value of estates eligible for abatements pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 59, section 5, clauses seventeenth D and forty-first C in the town of Shrewsbury.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Hannah Kane	*11th Worcester*	*6/10/2026*

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By Representative Kane of Shrewsbury and Senator Moore, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5515) of Hannah Kane (by vote of the town) that the town of Shrewsbury be authorized to increase the value of estates eligible for abatements in said town. Revenue. [Local Approval Received.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)

An Act to increase the value of estates eligible for abatements pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 59, section 5, clauses seventeenth D and forty-first C in the town of Shrewsbury.

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding clause Seventeenth D of section 5 of chapter 59 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the town of Shrewsbury may adjust the eligibility factors for determining an exemption for real property under said clause Seventeenth D by: (i) increasing the total whole estate limit, real and personal, for such an exemption to not more than $61,490; provided, that said limit shall be increased annually by an amount equal to the increase in the Consumer Price Index published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics for such year, pursuant to clause Seventeenth E of said section 5 of said chapter 59; and (ii) reducing the minimum age of eligibility for such an exemption from 70 to 65.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding clause Forty-first C of section 5 of chapter 59 of the General Laws or any general or special law to the contrary, the town of Shrewsbury may adjust

the eligibility factors for determining an exemption for real property under said clause Forty-first C by: (i) increasing the maximum allowable gross receipts from all sources in the preceding year to an amount not exceeding $29,879 for a single person, or $44,818 for a married person determined by the gross receipts of both spouses for the preceding year; and (ii) increasing the total allowable value of a person's whole estate, real and personal, to a maximum of $61,490, or $84,549 for a married person, to be increased annually by an amount equal to the increase in the Consumer Price Index published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics for such year, pursuant to clause Forty-first D of said section 5 of said Chapter 59.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.