

HOUSE No. 4755

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Carmine Lawrence Gentile

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 amending the means tested senior citizen property tax exemption in the town of Sudbury.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>9/22/2025</i>

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By Representative Gentile of Sudbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4755) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile (by vote of the town) for legislation to further regulate the means tested senior citizen property tax exemption in the town of Sudbury. Revenue. [Local Approval Received.]

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

An Act amending the means tested senior citizen property tax exemption in the town of Sudbury.

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 any general or special law to the contrary, Chapter 169 of
2 the Acts of 2012, as amended by Chapter 10 of the Acts of 2016, is hereby further amended by
3 deleting sections 5, 6, and 8 and inserting in place thereof the following sections:

4 Section 5. This act may be restarted by an affirmative vote of a majority of the voters at
5 any regular or special election at which the question of restarting is placed on the ballot by the
6 select board. Sections 1 to 4, inclusive, and sections 7 and 8 shall take effect 30 days after an
7 affirmative vote by the town.

8 Section 6. This act may be paused by an affirmative vote of a majority of the voters at
9 any regular or special town election at which the question of pausing is placed on the ballot by
10 the select board. If paused by an election, it must be restarted by a subsequent regular or special

11 election. Pausing of sections 1 to 4, inclusive, and sections 7 and 8 shall take effect 30 days after
12 an affirmative vote by the town.

13 Section 8. Extending, Pausing, or Restarting the Exemption by Town Meeting.

14 (a) The town of Sudbury, at town meeting, shall every 3 calendar years, provided that this
15 act has not sooner paused pursuant to subsection (c), vote on the following question:

16 “Shall an act passed in the general court in the year 2012 entitled, ‘An act authorizing the
17 town of Sudbury to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption’ be extended
18 for another 3 years?”

19 (b) If any vote taken at town meeting pursuant to subsection (a) is in the affirmative then
20 this act shall continue in effect.

21 (c) If any vote taken at town meeting pursuant to subsection (a) is in the negative then
22 this act shall be paused until such time as town meeting votes to restart it for another 3-year term.

23 (d) If paused, this act may be restarted by a subsequent vote of town meeting on the
24 question as phrased in subsection (a) above, using the words “restarted and extended” instead of
25 the word “extended”.