

HOUSE No. 3524

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jeffrey Davis Perry

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to increasing the age in which a person may receive a speedy trial

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Jeffrey Davis Perry

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

5th Barnstable

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO INCREASING THE AGE IN WHICH A PERSON MAY RECEIVE A SPEEDY TRIAL.

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 59F of Chapter 231 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by striking it in its entirety and replaced with the following: --

3 **Chapter 231: Section 59F. Speedy trial for persons seventy-two years of age or older**

4 Section 59F. In any civil action in any court of the commonwealth in which one or more
5 of the parties at the time of commencement of the proceeding is seventy-two years of
6 age or older or during the pendency of the proceeding attains the age of seventy-two,
7 the court shall, upon motion of such person, advance the proceeding for speedy trial so
8 that it may be heard and determined with as little delay as possible.