

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3734**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Danillo A. Sena and James B. Eldridge*

*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 town of Harvard to establish a cap on property taxes for means tested senior citizens.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/15/2021</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>1/15/2021</i>

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By Representative Sena of Acton and Senator Eldridge, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3734) of Danillo A. Sena and James B. Eldridge (by vote of the town) relative to authorizing the town of Harvard to establish a cap on property taxes for means tested senior citizens. Revenue. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act authorizing the town of Harvard to establish a cap on property taxes for means tested senior citizens.

*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 1 of Chapter 412 of the Acts of 2018 is hereby stricken in its  
2 entirety and is hereby replaced with the following new Section 1 of said act:-

3 “Section 1. With respect to each qualified parcel of real property classified as class one,  
4 residential in the town of Harvard there shall be a cap on the property tax equal to 10 per cent of  
5 total annual household income, or such other per cent of income as determined under section 3.  
6 The exemption shall be applied to the domicile of the taxpayer only. The exemption provided for  
7 in this section shall be in addition to any other exemption allowed pursuant to the General Laws,  
8 provided that, in no event shall the property taxes be reduced by more than 50 per cent by this  
9 exemption.”

10 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.