

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3802**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Sarah K. Peake and Julian Cyr*

*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 regarding a hardship exemption for persons under the age of 60 in the town of Harwich.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>	<i>2/10/2021</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>

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By Representative Peake of Provincetown and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3802) of Sarah K. Peake and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) the town of Harwich be authorized to establish a hardship exemption for real property tax obligations for persons under the age of 60 in said town. 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 regarding a hardship exemption for persons under the age of 60 in the town of Harwich.

*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 clause eighteenth of section 5 of chapter 59 of the General  
2 Laws or any general or special law to the contrary, the town of Harwich may, upon petition of a  
3 taxpayer, reduce the real property tax obligations of persons under the age of 60 who in the  
4 judgment of the board of assessors are unable to contribute fully to their tax liability by reason of  
5 infirmity or financial hardship; provided, that no reduction of said real property tax bills shall  
6 exceed \$1,000.

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8           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.