

HOUSE No. 00806

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas M. Stanley

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 providing property tax relief for certain caregivers.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>

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By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, petition (accompanied by [legType], House, No. 00806) of Jennifer E. Benson and others relative to providing property tax relief for certain caregivers . Joint Committee on Revenue.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
□ HOUSE
□ , NO. 2920 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act providing property tax relief for certain caregivers.

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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 5 of chapter 59 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following clause:—
3 Fifty-sixth. The sum of \$3,500 for caregivers providing medical assistance and care to spouses
4 or dependents 65 years of age or older with long-term care needs, on property occupied by them
5 as their domicile. For the purposes of this clause, a person with long term care needs shall be a
6 person who has three or more limitations in activities of daily living, such as bathing, dressing,
7 eating, toileting, transferring and continence management, or, a person with severe cognitive
8 impairments that requires substantial supervision to be protected from threats to their health and

- 9 safety due to this condition and has difficulty with one or more of the activities of daily living, or
- 10 a person who has been certified by a physician to be an individual with long term care needs, for
- 11 at least 180 consecutive days and a portion of which has occurred within the taxable year.