

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1622**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Richard J. Ross***

*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 relative to the assessments of long term care facilities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Richard J. Ross*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex*

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By Mr. Ross, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1622) of Richard J. Ross for legislation to exempt certain long-term care facilities from property taxes. Revenue.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1551 OF 2015-2016.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to the assessments of long term care facilities.

*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 5 of chapter 59 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is  
2 hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

3           Fifty-ninth. Any real estate used as a long term care facility and owned by a  
4 Massachusetts entity, as defined in 105 CMR 151.020, in the Commonwealth shall be deemed  
5 exempt from the requirement to pay local real estate taxes if it: is licensed by the department of  
6 public health; is owned by a charitable organization that has been determined by the Internal  
7 Revenue Service to be exempt from taxation pursuant to 26 CFR 501 (c) 3; did not pay local real  
8 estate taxes prior to the year 2003; and provides room, board or care to elders at not more than  
9 the cost of delivering such room, board or care; or provides financial assistance to elders living  
10 in such long term care facility utilizing assets of the charitable organization.