

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1765**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Michael F. Rush***

*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 granting property tax relief to seniors.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Michael F. Rush</i>	<i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i>	
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Edward J. Kennedy</i>	<i>First Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Edward F. Copping</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

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By Mr. Rush, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1765) of Michael F. Rush, Carolyn C. Dykema, Patrick M. O'Connor, Paul McMurtry and other members of the General Court for legislation to grant property tax relief to seniors. Revenue.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1631 OF 2017-2018.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act granting property tax relief to seniors.

*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 2014  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new section:-

3           Fifty-ninth. Upon the acceptance of this section by a city or town, the board of assessors  
4 may grant real and personal property tax abatement up to 100 per cent of the total tax assessed to  
5 a resident who has attained the age of 75, subject to eligibility criteria to be established by the  
6 board of assessors.