

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2586**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Norman J. Orrall***

*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 to protect senior independence.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                          | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:       |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <i>Norman J. Orrall</i>        | <i>12th Bristol</i>     |
| <i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>   | <i>20th Middlesex</i>   |
| <i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>    | <i>14th Bristol</i>     |
| <i>William L. Crocker, Jr.</i> | <i>2nd Barnstable</i>   |
| <i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>     | <i>8th Bristol</i>      |
| <i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>       | <i>1st Barnstable</i>   |
| <i>Michael O. Moore</i>        | <i>Second Worcester</i> |
| <i>RoseLee Vincent</i>         | <i>16th Suffolk</i>     |
| <i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>      | <i>1st Plymouth</i>     |
| <i>Brian M. Ashe</i>           | <i>2nd Hampden</i>      |
| <i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>    | <i>3rd Bristol</i>      |

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By Mr. Orrall of Lakeville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2586) of Norman J. Orrall and others relative to property tax relief for persons seventy-five years or older. Revenue.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**

An Act to protect senior independence.

*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 2016  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new clause:-

3 Fifty-ninth. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other general or special law to the  
4 contrary, the Board of Assessors, in any town or city in the commonwealth, may develop a  
5 process which will allow property owners, 75 years of age and older, to have their real estate  
6 property taxes limited to that annual amount which was levied in the year in which they turned  
7 75 or in that year in which this act shall take effect, whichever comes later, provided that such  
8 real estate is owned and occupied by such older person, and provided further, that no real estate  
9 shall be so exempt which the assessors shall adjudge has been conveyed to such older person to  
10 evade taxation.