

HOUSE No. 4559

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James Arciero

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 a real property exemption for disabled persons in the town of Westford.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

James Arciero

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

2nd Middlesex

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By Mr. Arciero of Westford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4559) of James Arciero (by vote of the town) that the town of Westford be authorized to establish a real property exemption for certain disabled persons. Revenue. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to a real property exemption for disabled persons in the town of Westford.

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 the provisions of clause forty-first C of section 5 of
2 chapter 59 of Massachusetts General Laws, or of any other general or special law to the contrary,
3 the Town of Westford is hereby authorized to grant the exemption provided for in clause forty-
4 first C of section 5 of chapter 59 to applicants who are disabled persons age 69 or younger who
5 have been domiciled in the Town of Westford for a minimum of 10 consecutive years
6 immediately prior to the time of application, provided that they meet all other qualifications
7 contained in said clause. The amount of the exemption and qualifications relating to gross
8 receipts or a person’s whole estate, as approved by town meeting from time to time, applicable to
9 taxpayers qualified for the exemption pursuant to clause forty-first C of section 5 of chapter 59
10 shall apply to the same extent to applicants eligible in accordance with this act. For purposes of
11 this act, disabled persons are individuals who have received a determination of disability from
12 the United States Social Security Administration’s Disability Determination Services prior to the
13 time of application.

14 SECTION 2. At any time after the effective date of this act, an annual town meeting may
15 elect not to provide in the ensuing fiscal year the exemption authorized by section 1; such
16 election shall be effective until the exemption is reauthorized by an annual town meeting.
17 Except as otherwise provided in section 1, all other provisions of clause forty-first C of section 5
18 of chapter 59 of the general laws shall apply to the grant of an exemption under authority of this
19 act.

20 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.