

HOUSE No. 3881

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf

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 protections and housing opportunities for seniors.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Maria Duaiame Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>

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By Mr. LeBoeuf of Worcester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3881) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf and others that the Department of Housing and Community Development establish a rental assistance program for certain persons over the age of 75 years. Housing.

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

An Act relative to protections and housing opportunities for 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 Chapter 23B of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2 Section 31. The department shall establish and administer a program of rental assistance
3 for persons over the age of 75 years through mobile and project-based vouchers; provided, that
4 the income of eligible households shall not exceed 80 per cent of the area median income;
5 provided, that the department may target not less than 75 per cent of all new vouchers to
6 households whose income at initial occupancy does not exceed 30 per cent of the area median
7 income. The monthly dollar amount of each voucher shall be the department-approved monthly
8 rent of the unit less the monthly amount paid for rent by the household. Each household holding
9 a voucher shall pay at least 30 per cent, but not more than 40 per cent, of its income as rent. The
10 department shall administer the program in a fair, just and equitable manner. The commonwealth
11 shall accept funds from the appropriate federal authorities for said program. The department shall
12 promulgate rules and regulations to implement this section.