

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 975**

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By Mr. Hynes of Marshfield, petition of Frank M. Hynes and others relative to exempting seniors from certain bank fees. Financial Services.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PETITION OF:

Frank M. Hynes	Edward M. Augustus, Jr.
Barbara A. L'Italien	Stephen M. Brewer
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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO EXEMPTING SENIORS FROM CERTAIN BANK FEES.

*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 118E of the General Laws, as so appearing in the 2004  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out Section 23A and  
3 inserting in place thereof the following section: —  
4 Section 23A. A treasurer of a savings bank, national bank, trust  
5 company, cooperative bank, benefit association, insurance company  
6 or safe deposit company authorized to do business in the Common-  
7 wealth who, upon written request signed by an authorized employee  
8 or agent of the division, unreasonably refuses to inform such  
9 employee or agent of the amount deposited in the corporation or  
10 association to the credit of a person named in such request as a  
11 charge upon the Commonwealth, or as an applicant to the Common-  
12 wealth for medical assistance under this chapter, or who willfully  
13 renders false information in reply to such request, shall forfeit 50

14 dollars to the use of the commonwealth. Upon receipt of a written  
15 request from an authorized employee or agent of the division to the  
16 applicant or recipient for information about the amounts deposited, a  
17 treasurer, as aforesaid, shall furnish the records on deposits and  
18 withdrawals during the past five years concerning any applicant for  
19 or recipient of medical assistance under this chapter to such appli-  
20 cant or recipient without charge and within the time limits provided  
21 by the authorized employee or agent of the division in the written  
22 notice.