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Given a smooth bounded domain  $\Omega$  and a nonnegative potential  $q \in L^1_{loc}(\Omega)$ , we consider the time-independent homogeneous Schrödinger equation  $(-\Delta - q)\varphi = 0$  in  $\Omega$  with  $\varphi = 1$  on  $\partial\Omega$ . We obtain sufficient conditions for the existence of a positive weak solution  $\varphi$ . These conditions are that a certain operator be bounded with norm less than 1 on  $L^2(q)$ , and that  $CP^*(\delta q)$ , where  $\delta$  is the distance to the boundary and  $P^*$  denotes the balayage, be exponentially integrable on the boundary of  $\Omega$  for a sufficiently large constant  $C$ . With different constants, conditions of the same form are necessary. The main tool used in the proof is a result of Frazier-Nazarov-Verbitsky yielding kernel estimates for operators obtained from Neumann series. (Received February 02, 2015)