

By Mr. MacLean, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1729) of William Q. MacLean, Jr., for legislation to provide for contributions to a fund to aid in the payment of bills incurred in the treatment of catastrophic illnesses. Taxation.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-four.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO A FUND TO AID IN THE  
PAYMENT OF BILLS INCURRED IN THE TREATMENT OF CATASTROPHIC  
ILLNESSES.

*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 3 of chapter 62C of the General Laws, as  
2 most recently amended by section 112 of chapter 514 of the acts  
3 of 1978, is hereby further amended by adding the following  
4 paragraph: —

5 The commission shall add to the form, referred to in this sec-  
6 tion, a space for a check-off for those persons who do, or do  
7 not wish to contribute to a fund to be used to pay for the ex-  
8 penses of a catastrophic illness where no insurance is available  
9 to meet said expenses.

10 Said check-off shall consist of two boxes, lettered "yes" and  
11 "no", together with such statement as the commissioner shall  
12 determine. If a taxpayer shall signify "yes" on the form, one  
13 dollar shall be taken from his monetary return and credited  
14 to said fund.

1 SECTION 2. There is hereby established a fund, the proceeds  
2 of which shall be used in payment of costs and expenses of  
3 those persons suffering from a catastrophic illness who do not  
4 have insurance coverage to meet said costs and expenses.

5 Said fund shall be administered by the commissioner of  
6 revenue and the commissioner of public health, jointly. The  
7 commissioners shall promulgate such rules and regulations  
8 as deemed necessary for the purposes of this act.

