

By Mr. Stoddart of Natick, petition of Douglas W. Stoddart that public employees who use tobacco products be assessed an annual surcharge for health insurance costs. Public Service.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Nine.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS BY STATE EMPLOYEES.

*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 32A of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 inserting after section 8A the following section:—

3 Section 8B. Any employee who smokes or chews tobacco prod-  
4 ucts with any degree of regularity shall be assessed an annual pre-  
5 mium surcharge of five hundred dollars.

6 Any such employee, as a condition of his continued employ-  
7 ment, shall notify the commission in January of each year of such  
8 use. The commission may make an independent finding of such  
9 use and assess such surcharge.

10 Any employee aggrieved by such assessment shall be entitled  
11 to an administrative hearing under the provisions of chapter  
12 thirty A.

