

By Mr. Poirier of North Attleborough, petition of Kevin Poirier relative to unearned income for certain elderly persons under the income tax laws of the Commonwealth. Taxation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO UNEARNED INCOME FOR SENIOR CITIZENS.

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. Subsection A of section 3 of chapter 62 of the
2 General Laws, as appearing in the 1988 Official Edition, is hereby
3 amended by inserting after subparagraph (2) the following:—

4 (3) In the case of any individual who has attained the age of
5 sixty-five before the close of the taxable year, an amount up to
6 one thousand one hundred dollars.

7 (4) In the case of a married person filing a joint return, who has
8 attained the age of sixty-five before the close of the taxable year,
9 an amount up to one thousand four hundred dollars.

1 SECTION 2. Said subsection A of said section 3 of said chap-
2 ter 62, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out
3 subparagraphs (3) and (4), as amended by section 1 of this act,
4 and inserting in place thereof the following:—

5 (3) In the case of an individual who has attained the age of
6 sixty-five before the close of the taxable year, an amount up to
7 two thousand two hundred dollars.

8 (4) In the case of a married person filing a joint return, who has
9 attained the age of sixty-five before the close of the taxable year,
10 an amount up to three thousand dollars.

1 SECTION 3. Said subsection A of said section 3 of said chap-
2 ter 62, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out

3 subparagraphs (3) and (4), as amended by section 2 of this act,
4 and inserting in place thereof the following: —

5 (3) In the case of an individual who has attained the age of
6 sixty-five before the close of the taxable year, an amount up to
7 three thousand three hundred dollars.

8 (4) In case of a married person filing a joint return, who has
9 attained the age of sixty-five before the close of the taxable year,
10 four thousand five hundred dollars.

1 SECTION 4. Subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of subsec-
2 tion (b) of section 2 of chapter 62 of the General Laws, as so
3 appearing, hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the fol-
4 lowing: — provided, however that there shall be exempt from tax-
5 ation under the provisions of this subparagraph, an amount equal
6 to the exemptions allowed under subparagraphs 3 and 4 of subsec-
7 tion A of section 2 of chapter 62.

1 SECTION 5. Section 1 shall apply to tax years commencing on
2 or after January first, nineteen hundred and ninety-five. Section 2
3 shall apply to tax years commencing on or after January first,
4 nineteen hundred and ninety-six. Section 3 shall apply to tax years
5 commencing on or after January first, nineteen hundred and
6 ninety-seven.