

By Mr. Larkin of Pittsfield, petition of Peter J. Larkin and Patricia D. Jehlen for legislation to establish an income tax check-off for health care coverage for certain uninsured residents of the Commonwealth. Revenue.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN INCOME TAX CHECK-OFF FOR HEALTH CARE COVERAGE.

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 6H of chapter 62 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 adding after section 6H the following new section:—

4 Section 6I. Every individual who files a separate return and
5 every husband and wife filing a return jointly may voluntarily
6 provide information about whether he, she, or they have health
7 care coverage by checking yes or no on the face of the individual
8 income tax return. The commissioner of revenue shall prescribe
9 the manner in which such information about health care coverage
10 shall be provided on the face of the return required by section 5 of
11 chapter 62C, provided, however, that the commissioner shall
12 inform Massachusetts resident taxpayers that their names,
13 addresses, gross income and information regarding health care
14 coverage may be provided to the Department of Public Health for
15 purposes of distributing health care enrollment information to
16 Massachusetts residents.

17 The commissioner of revenue shall annually compile a list of
18 names, addresses and gross incomes of Massachusetts residents
19 who do not have health care coverage and submit a list to the
20 commissioner of the department of public health for purposes of
21 distributing health care enrollment information to Massachusetts
22 residents.

1 SECTION 2. Subsection 16 of section 21 of chapter 62C of the
2 General Laws, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby
3 amended by adding after subsection 16 the following new subsec-
4 tion:—

5 (17) the disclosure to the commissioner of the department of
6 public health of information necessary to identify Massachusetts
7 residents who do not have health care coverage.

1 SECTION 3. The provisions of this act shall be effective for tax
2 years _____.