

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2542**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Geoff Diehl*

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to taxation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Geoff Diehl</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>James J. Lyons, Jr.</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>

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By Mr. Diehl of Whitman, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2542) of Geoff Diehl and others relative to income tax return options. Revenue.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE  
 HOUSE  
 , NO. 1683 OF 2011-2012.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**

An Act relative to taxation.

*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. Chapter 62 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition  
2 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, is hereby amended by adding the following section: -

3 Section 65. (a) The taxpayer shall have the option to indicate on his or her income tax  
4 return that he or she does not want his or her income tax liability to be used to pay for abortion  
5 services. When the taxpayer elects to do so, his or her income tax liability may not be used to  
6 pay for abortion services.

7 (b) This portion of the taxpayer’s income tax liability not to be used to pay abortion  
8 services pursuant to this section must be deposited in a special account, separate and apart from  
9 the general fund. Funds in this account shall be used to develop and implement a public  
10 information program to inform the general public of the provisions of Chapter 119 § 39 ½  
11 concerning so-called baby safe havens.

12 (c) For the purposes of this section:

13 “Abortion services” shall include performing abortion, referring for abortion, or  
14 counseling for abortion.

15           (d) The amount of the taxpayer's income tax liability to be set aside in the special account  
16 specified in paragraph (b) shall be determined by multiplying the percentage of the General Fund  
17 dedicated to paying for abortion services in the previous year with the taxpayer's income tax  
18 liability.