

SENATE No. 00549

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Richard J. Ross

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 health insurance penalties.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol, and Middlesex</i>
<i>George Ross</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>
<i>Michael R. Knapik</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Ross, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 549) of Tarr, Knapik, Hunt and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to health insurance penalties [Joint Committee on Health Care Financing].

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to health insurance penalties.

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 2 of chapter 111M, as so appearing in the General Laws, is hereby
2 amended by inserting, after the second paragraph, the following paragraph:- If during the course
3 of a taxable year a taxpayer becomes unemployed and, as a result, loses health care coverage for
4 the duration of that unemployed period, and that unemployed period is longer than 63 days, the
5 taxpayer shall be exempt from the penalty for the duration of that unemployed period.