

SENATE No. 631

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 adoption 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>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Robert L. Hedlund</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>
<i>Viriato M. deMacedo</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>

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By Mr. Ross, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 631) of Richard J. Ross, Bruce E. Tarr, Robert L. Hedlund, Donald F. Humason, Jr. and others for legislation relative to health insurance penalties. Health Care Financing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 563 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**
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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 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, in line 33, after the word "penalty;" the
3 following words:- provided, however, if during the course of a taxable year a taxpayer becomes
4 unemployed and, as a result, loses health care coverage for the duration of that unemployed
5 period, and that unemployed period is longer than 63 days, the taxpayer shall be exempt from the
6 penalty for the duration of that unemployed period;