

**SENATE . . . . . No. 716**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Patrick M. O'Connor*

*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:

*Patrick M. O'Connor*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Plymouth and Norfolk*

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By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 716) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation relative to health insurance penalties. Financial Services.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 631 OF 2019-2020.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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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;