

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2887**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Joseph D. McKenna***

*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 taxpayer conscience protection.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>1/11/2023</i>

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By Representative McKenna of Webster, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2887) of Joseph D. McKenna for legislation to allow taxpayers to have the option to indicate on their income tax return that they do not want any portion of their income tax liability to be utilized for abortion services. Revenue.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3005 OF 2021-2022.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act relative to taxpayer conscience protection.

*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.

2 Chapter 62 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition of the General  
3 Laws of Massachusetts, is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following new  
4 section:

5 "Section 65. (a) For the purposes of this section, "abortion services" shall include  
6 performing, referring for abortion, or counseling for abortion.

7 (b) Taxpayers shall have the option to indicate on their income tax return that they do not  
8 want any portion of their income tax liability to be utilized for abortion services. When a

9 taxpayer makes such election, the taxpayer's income tax liability may not be used to pay for  
10 abortion services.

11 (c) The portion of the taxpayer's income tax liability that is not to be used to pay for  
12 abortion services, pursuant to this section, must be deposited into a special account, separate and  
13 apart from the General Fund, whose purpose shall be to develop and implement a public  
14 information program to inform the general public of the provisions of section 39-½ of Chapter  
15 119, concerning voluntary abandonment of a newborn infant, also known as the Baby Safe  
16 Haven Law.

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