

# SENATE . . . . . No. 1635

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By Mr. Tarr (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1635) of the Citizens for Limited Taxation, by Barbara Anderson, co-director, Demetrius J. Atsalis and Shirley Gomes for legislation to provide for the return to the taxpayers of the proceeds from the nationwide tobacco settlement. Taxation.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Nine.

### AN ACT TO RETURN TOBACCO SETTLEMENT DOLLARS TO THE TAXPAYERS.

1     *Whereas*, Health related and other costs due to tobacco-related  
2 illnesses, legal tort actions and other tobacco related expenses,  
3 were paid with money expropriated from the taxpayers of the  
4 Commonwealth; the funds windfall that results from  
5 Massachusetts' share of the nationwide tobacco settlement shall  
6 be returned to the taxpayers of the Commonwealth as compen-  
7 satory reimbursement and restitution.

*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. All funds received by the Commonwealth of  
2 Massachusetts from the tobacco settlement shall be appropriated  
3 into the Commonwealth Tax Reduction Fund and used to increase  
4 the personal exemption.

1     SECTION 2. This act will take effect for, and the increase in  
2 the personal exemption applied to, Tax Year 1999 and all years  
3 thereafter.