

~~funds in the Health Insurance Premium Subsidy Fund; requiring the State Treasurer to invest the money in the Fund in a certain manner; providing that any investment earnings of the Fund shall be retained to the credit of the Fund; requiring expenditures from the Fund to be made only in accordance with the State budget; providing that the Fund is subject to audit by the Office of Legislative Audits; imposing a surcharge on the income tax of certain individuals with income above a certain level; providing that the surcharge does not apply if certain individuals had certain health care coverage or did not reside in the State; providing for certain exceptions; requiring the revenues from the surcharge to be distributed to the Health Insurance Premium Subsidy Fund; requiring an employer to base withholding for certain employees on a certain number of exemptions under certain circumstances; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, on or before a certain date, to develop and implement an Internet portal to provide coordinated access to health and human services programs and benefits; requiring the Internet portal to include certain elements; requiring the Secretary, on or before a certain date, to make a certain report; requiring the Comptroller to widely publicize the requirements of this Act for a certain purpose; defining certain terms; providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act; providing for a delayed effective date for certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to expansion of health insurance coverage through a Health Insurance Premium Subsidy Program, an income tax surcharge, and an Internet portal.~~

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission, in consultation with certain other State agencies, to study the issue of personal responsibility for obtaining health care coverage; requiring the study to include certain elements; requiring the Commission to report the results of its study, together with any recommendations, to certain legislative committees; and generally relating to a study of personal responsibility for obtaining health care coverage.

~~BY adding to~~

~~Article Health General~~

~~Section 15 701 through 15 705 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 7. Health Insurance Premium Subsidy Program"; and Section 15 801 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 8. Internet Portal for Coordinated Access to Health and Human Services Programs and Benefits"~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)~~

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~

~~Article Insurance~~

~~Section 15 1301(f)(1)~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(2006 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)~~