



The Program amends the tax code to create the American Health Security Trust Fund and appropriates to the Fund specified tax revenues, current health program receipts, and tax credits and subsidies under the Affordable Care Act. The tax revenues include a new health care income tax, an employer payroll tax, a surcharge on high income individuals, and a tax on securities and other financial transactions. Transaction taxes include language consistent with other labor efforts around the globe to more fairly fund programs of social uplift.

The federal government would collect and distribute all funds to the states and administrative expenses would be capped at three percent. Each state would have the choice to either administer its own program or have the federal Board administer it.

Speaking on behalf of the MNA, Kelly-Williams said the nurses' union would work hard to enlist the support of the states' senators and representatives in Congress for the legislation, adding that "Nurses understand that we need a health care system that puts patients first and gets rid of the for profit insurance companies."

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Founded in 1903, the Massachusetts Nurses Association is the largest professional health care organization and the largest union of registered nurses in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Its 23,000 members advance the nursing profession by fostering high standards of nursing practice, promoting the economic and general welfare of nurses in the workplace, projecting a positive and realistic view of nursing, and by lobbying the Legislature and regulatory agencies on health care issues affecting nurses and the public. The MNA is also a founding member of National Nurses United, the largest national nurses union in the United States with more than 150,000 members from coast to coast.

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