

## **HOW TO GET YOUR EMST \$52 TAX BACK!!!**

If you had a part time job in Newtown Township or Newtown Borough and can answer yes to some simple questions, then you can get it back.

- Did you make less than \$12000 for the tax year? (That is Jan. thru Dec. of any given year)
- Did you work for more than one employer? (Each of whom took \$52 your of your pay)

If you answered yes to either of these questions you can file a form and get money back.

### **FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS BELOW:**

Go to [WWW.hab-inc.com](http://WWW.hab-inc.com) and click the "DOWNLOAD TAX FORMS " tab.  
Go to the 6<sup>th</sup> box on the list. Click on "EMST Refund Form" and print it.

### **COMPLETING THE FORM:**

- Ignore the line at the top that reads in part "To qualify for a refund, the total EMST must be in excess \$52....."
- Fill in name, address, etc.
- Check box 1 or 2 (you cannot use the 3<sup>rd</sup> option, under 18, in Newtown Township)
  1. Check box 1, if you earned more than \$12000 and you had more than one employer that deducted \$52. List each employer
  2. Check box 2, if you made less than \$12000. List each employer.
- Gather the proofs (copy of your federal 1040 tax form, W-2's from each employer and pay stub(s) showing the deduction of the \$52). Your end of year pay stub may show the deduction in the YTD (year to date) deduction column. If you do not have a pay stub Berkheimer may also accept a letter from your employer stating that they deducted the \$52.

### **CHANGES IN 2008**

The name of the tax and the way they deduct it has changed. It is now called the Local Service Tax, and is deducted \$1.00 at a time for weekly pays and \$2.00 at a time for bi-weekly pays. It probably shows on your pay stub as PA NEWTOWN TWP M+SD LS.

Both Newtown Twp. and Berkheimer have stated that employers should not be deducting the tax from employees that are expected to make less that \$12000 a year. A part time employee making \$7.00 an hour would have to work an average of 33 hours a week for the entire year to make that amount. If you are not working anywhere near those kinds of hours your employer should not be deducting the tax in the first place. If they are you should contact the Newtown Township office and Berkheimer and inform them of this fact.