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This is just another example of penalizing those who played by the rules and didn't spend everything they earned. They saved for their "golden years" ....money already has been taxed . It is the principle of the thing. Like the surcharge on Medicare Part B....it is not the money, actually, but those who did what was right so their later years could be comfortable, are asked to pay and pay and pay. I would help those less fortunate than myself voluntarily. The tax situation in this state is one step above outright theft.