

HOUSE No. 1246

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

William M. Straus

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to drug prices paid by carriers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>William M. Straus</i>	<i>10th Bristol</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>

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By Representative Straus of Mattapoisett, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1246) of William M. Straus relative to drug prices paid by carriers. Health Care Financing.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to drug prices paid by carriers.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to enhance the provision of medical services in the commonwealth, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health.

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. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law or regulation
2 to the contrary, the division of insurance and the health policy commission shall promulgate
3 regulations with the goal of ensuring that carriers, as defined in section 1 of chapter 6D of the
4 General Laws, shall not pay more for drugs than the lowest price paid under any program
5 overseen by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.