

HOUSE No. 3622

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John V. Fernandes

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 discounts for prescription drugs.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

John V. Fernandes

10th Worcester

Frank A. Moran

17th Essex

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By Mr. Fernandes of Milford, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John V. Fernandes and Frank A. Moran relative to discounts for prescription drugs. Elder Affairs.

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)

An Act relative to discounts for prescription drugs.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of section 3 of chapter 175H of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:-
3 Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, a pharmaceutical manufacturing company may offer a
4 discount, rebate, product voucher or other reduction in an individual's out-of-pocket expenses,
5 including co-payments and deductibles, for a prescription drug that has an AB rated generic
6 equivalent, for the benefit of any consumer who is able to provide written verification from a
7 health care practitioner, as defined in section 1 of chapter 111N, that the consumer could benefit
8 from use of that particular prescription drug but the drug's AB rated generic equivalent would
9 not be effective in treating the consumer.