

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 establishing a commission to study the promotion of preferred pharmacy networks.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/12/2021</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Norman J. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>3/11/2021</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>3/24/2021</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>3/31/2021</i>

By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1124) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others relative to establishing a commission (including members of the General Court) to study the promotion of preferred pharmacy networks where insurers can negotiate lower drug prices. Financial Services.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act establishing a commission to study the promotion of preferred pharmacy networks.

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 any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be a
2 commission to study the implementation of preferred pharmacy networks, whereby health
3 insurers steer consumers to lower cost “preferred” pharmacies where insurers can negotiate
4 lower drug prices.

5 SECTION 2. The commission shall consist of the house and senate chairs of the joint
6 committee on health care financing, who shall serve as the co-chairs; one member to be
7 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; one member to be appointed by the
8 president of the senate; one member to be appointed by the house minority leader; one member
9 to be appointed by the senate minority leader; the director of the health policy commission or a
10 designee; the commissioner of the department of public health or a designee; and the executive
11 director of the center for health information and analysis or a designee.

12 SECTION 3. The commission shall study the feasibility of implementing preferred
13 pharmacy networks, and make recommendations based on a cost-benefit analysis of such
14 networks. The commission shall provide estimates of projected savings in prescription drug costs
15 from implementing such networks.

16 SECTION 4. The commission shall submit its report and findings, along with any
17 recommendations and drafted legislation, to the house and senate committees on ways and
18 means, the joint committee on health care financing, and the clerks of the house of
19 representatives and senate within 12 months of the passage of this act.