

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 619**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Nicholas A. Boldyga***

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*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 prescription drug rebate program for seniors.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i>	<i>3rd Hampden</i>	<i>1/19/2023</i>

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By Representative Boldyga of Southwick, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 619) of Nicholas A. Boldyga relative to establish a prescription drug rebate program for seniors. Elder Affairs.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act establishing a prescription drug rebate program for seniors.

*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 laws to the contrary, all residents of the  
2 Commonwealth over the age of 65 with an adjusted gross household income of \$50,000 annually  
3 or less, are eligible for a prescription drug rebate.

4 SECTION 2. All prescription drugs, as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 94C of the  
5 General Laws, are eligible for the rebate program.

6 SECTION 3. Rebate shall be defined as a reimbursement for the total out of pocket  
7 expenses, including insurance co-pays, incurred by an eligible individual for prescription drugs.  
8 Rebates shall be disbursed to eligible individuals from the General Fund.

9 SECTION 4 .The Commissioner shall prescribe the process by which an eligible  
10 individual shall file for a rebate.

11 SECTION 5. Rebates shall not exceed \$2,500 per individual annually

12           SECTION 6. The Commissioner shall report on the impact of this rebate program to the  
13 Committees of Ways & Means and the Joint Committee on Health Care Financing on an annual  
14 basis, commencing one year from the date the program goes into effect.

15           SECTION 7. This rebate program shall expire four years from the date of effect unless  
16 reauthorized by the legislature.