

HOUSE No. 898

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James Arciero

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 consumer deductibles.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

James Arciero

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

2nd Middlesex

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By Mr. Arciero of Westford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 898) of James Arciero relative to the cost of prescription drugs. Financial Services.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to consumer deductibles.

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. Chapter 176O of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 27 the following section:-

3 Section 28. (a) When calculating an insured’s overall contribution to any out-of-pocket
4 maximum, deductible, copayment, coinsurance, or other cost-sharing requirement, a carrier shall
5 include third-party payments, financial assistance, discount, product vouchers, or any other
6 reduction in out-of-pocket expenses made by or on behalf of such insured for prescription drugs
7 toward a covered individual’s deductible, copay, or cost-sharing responsibility, or out-of-pocket
8 maximum associated with the individual’s health insurance.

9 (b) The Commission may promulgate such rules and regulations as it may deem
10 necessary to implement this section