

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Carl M. Sciortino, 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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to commercial rebate expiration.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

34th Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO COMMERCIAL REBATE EXPIRATION.

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

- 1 Chapter 93 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
- 2 inserting after section 14S the following section:—
- 3 Section 14T. (a) Definitions. For the purposes of this section:
- 4 “Rebate” shall mean the return to a purchaser of any portion of the purchase price of a consumer good,
- 5 issued after the time of sale, pursuant to the purchaser’s submission of applicable documents.
- 6 (b) The purchaser shall be given no less than one year from the date of sale to submit applicable
- 7 documents for the rebate.
- 8 (c) Rebate documents shall be considered submitted the date they are postmarked if submitted by mail, or
- 9 the date they are received by the manufacturer if submitted by telephone, internet or other means or
- 10 transmission.
- 11 (d) Violation of this section shall constitute a violation of Chapter 93A and may be enforced under the
- 12 procedures available under said chapter.
- 13 (e) This section shall take effect on the first day of January next succeeding the date of passage.