

**SENATE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Mr. Downing**

*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 prescription advantage start dates.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Mr. Downing

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Berkshire, Hampshire and Franklin

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine  
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## AN ACT RELATIVE TO PRESCRIPTION ADVANTAGE START DATES.

*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. Section 39(a)(1) of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is  
2 hereby amending chapter 19A, by striking the words “is sixty-five of age or older;” in line 6, and  
3 inserting the following words: “turns sixty-five within the month their coverage becomes  
4 effective;”

5 SECTION 2. Section 39(m) of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is  
6 hereby amending chapter 19A, by inserting before the word “Coverage”, in line 153 the  
7 following words: “Persons who submit an application within three months of their sixty-fifth  
8 birthday, and are deemed eligible to receive benefits, shall begin receiving benefits on the first  
9 day of the month in which they turn sixty-five.”

10 SECTION 3. The Department shall amend regulations 651CMR 15.05 and 651CMR 15.06 to  
11 reflect the earliest effective date of coverage adopted by Medicare Part D.

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