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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:

An Act relative to commercial rebate expiration.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.	*34th Middlesex*
Ruth B. Balser	*12th Middlesex*
Carolyn C. Dykema	*8th Middlesex*
Sal N. DiDomenico	*Middlesex, Suffolk, and Essex*
Denise Andrews	*2nd Franklin*

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By Mr. Sciortino of Medford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 380) of Carl M. Sciortino, Jr. and others relative to commercial rebate expiration. Housing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
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, NO. *203* OF 2009-2010.]

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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:

Chapter 93 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 14S the following section:–

Section 14T. (a) Definitions. For the purposes of this section:

"Rebate" shall mean the return to a purchaser of any portion of the purchase price of a consumer good, issued after the time of sale, pursuant to the purchaser's submission of applicable documents.

(b) The purchaser shall be given no less than one year from the date of sale to submit applicable documents for the rebate.

(c) Rebate documents shall be considered submitted the date they are postmarked if submitted by mail, or the date they are received by the manufacturer if submitted by telephone, internet or other means or transmission.

(d) Violation of this section shall constitute a violation of Chapter 93A and may be enforced under the procedures available under said chapter.

(e) This section shall take effect on the first day of January next succeeding the date of passage.