

SENATE No. 311

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Benjamin B. 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:

Benjamin B. Downing

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Berkshire, Hampshire and Franklin

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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
2 Edition, is hereby amending chapter 19A, by striking the words “is sixty-five of age or older;” in
3 line 6, and inserting the following words: “turns sixty-five within the month their coverage
4 becomes effective;”

5 SECTION 2. Section 39(m) of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official
6 Edition, is hereby amending chapter 19A, by inserting before the word “Coverage”, in line 153
7 the 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
11 15.06 to reflect the earliest effective date of coverage adopted by Medicare Part D.