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HOUSE . . . . . No. 172

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to commercial rebate expiration.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.	*34th Middlesex*	*1/18/2013*
Cory Atkins	*14th Middlesex*	*1/18/2013*

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By Mr. Sciortino of Medford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 172) of Carl M. Sciortino, Jr. and Cory Atkins relative to commercial rebate expiration. Community Development and Small Businesses.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *380* OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

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 2010 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.