

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 898**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*James Arciero*

*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 consumer deductibles.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/14/2019</i>

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By Mr. Arciero of Westford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 898) of James Arciero relative to the cost of prescription drugs. Financial Services.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act relative to consumer deductibles.

*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. Chapter 176O of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
2 section 27 the following section:-

3           Section 28. (a) When calculating an insured’s overall contribution to any out-of-pocket  
4 maximum, deductible, copayment, coinsurance, or other cost-sharing requirement, a carrier shall  
5 include third-party payments, financial assistance, discount, product vouchers, or any other  
6 reduction in out-of-pocket expenses made by or on behalf of such insured for prescription drugs  
7 toward a covered individual’s deductible, copay, or cost-sharing responsibility, or out-of-pocket  
8 maximum associated with the individual’s health insurance.

9           (b) The Commission may promulgate such rules and regulations as it may deem  
10 necessary to implement this section