

SENATE No. 654

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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 to strengthen pharmacy benefit management.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Bruce E. Tarr

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Essex and Middlesex

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 654) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to strengthen pharmacy benefit management. Financial Services.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 593 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act to strengthen pharmacy benefit management.

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 226 of Chapter 175 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 adding the following after subsection (p) thereof:-

3 (g) The commissioner shall promulgate regulations for the licensing of pharmacy benefit
4 managers providing services in the Commonwealth, which shall consist of, but not be limited to,
5 provisions which:

- 6 1. Require a minimum standard of qualification or accreditation
- 7 2. Minimize actual or potential conflicts of interest
- 8 3. Provide for regular audits of the operations and activities of entities licensed hereunder

9 4. Provide a mechanism for the submission of, hearing, and disposition of claims of
10 unfair practices by such licenses