

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1205**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Bradley H. Jones, 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 establishing a commission to study the promotion of preferred pharmacy networks.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2025</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	<i>3/10/2025</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2025</i>

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By Representative Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1205) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to establishing a commission (including members of the General Court) to study the promotion of preferred pharmacy networks where insurers can negotiate lower drug prices. Financial Services.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1053 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act establishing a commission to study the promotion of preferred pharmacy networks.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be a commission  
2 to study the implementation of preferred pharmacy networks, whereby health insurers steer  
3 consumers to lower-cost “preferred” pharmacies where insurers can negotiate lower drug prices.

4           The commission shall consist of the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on  
5 health care financing, who shall serve as the co-chairs; one member to be appointed by the  
6 speaker of the house of representatives; one member to be appointed by the president of the  
7 senate; one member to be appointed by the house minority leader; one member to be appointed  
8 by the senate minority leader; the director of the health policy commission or a designee; the

9 commissioner of the department of public health or a designee; and the executive director of the  
10 center for health information and analysis or a designee.

11 The commission shall study the feasibility of implementing preferred pharmacy networks  
12 and make recommendations based on a cost-benefit analysis of such networks. The commission  
13 shall provide estimates of projected savings in prescription drug costs from implementing such  
14 networks.

15 The commission shall submit its report and findings, along with any recommendations  
16 and drafted legislation, to the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint  
17 committee on health care financing, and the clerks of the house of representatives and senate  
18 within 12 months of the passage of this act.