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HOUSE . . . . . No. 2965

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Alan Silvia

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 providing prescription drug cost reimbursements to elderly governmental retirees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Alan Silvia	*7th Bristol*	*1/16/2025*

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By Representative Silvia of Fall River, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2965) of Alan Silvia relative to providing prescription drug cost reimbursements to certain retirees. Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *2658* OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)

An Act providing prescription drug cost reimbursements to elderly governmental retirees.

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

Section 1. Section 2 of chapter 32A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amendment by inserting after the word "withheld", in line 126, the following words:-; provided, however, that the term "elderly governmental retiree" shall include any retired employee age 70 or over who has been retired for 5 years.

Section 2. Said chapter 32A, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after section 10B the following section:-

Section 10C. For any elderly governmental retiree of any municipality that provides prescription drug benefits, such retiree shall be entitled to reimbursement from the State Retirees Benefits Trust Fund to be used exclusively to reduce the cost of prescription drugs for such

retiree. The reduction of the cost of such prescription drugs shall be no less than 25 per cent of any co-payment amount paid by an elderly governmental retiree for such prescription drugs. The trustee of the fund shall establish the reimbursement methodology for such payment in conjunction with any participating municipality.

Section 3. Section 24 of said chapter 32A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "board", in line 29, the following words:-; provided that, a municipality providing prescription drug coverage to an elderly governmental retiree shall participate in the fund using the procedures set forth in section 10C