

HOUSE No. 185

By Mr. Sciortino of Medford, petition of Carl M. Sciortino, Jr., and others relative to commercial rebate expiration. Community Development and Small Business.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Carl M. Sciortino, Jr. James B. Eldridge
John D. Keenan

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

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:

- 1 Chapter 93 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official
- 2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after Section 14S the
- 3 following section:—
- 4 Section 14T. (a) Definitions. For the purposes of this section:—
- 5 “Rebate” shall mean the return to a purchaser of any portion of
- 6 the purchase price of a consumer good, issued after the time of sale,
- 7 pursuant to the purchaser’s submission of applicable documents.
- 8 (b) The purchaser shall be given no less than one year from the
- 9 date of sale to submit applicable documents for the rebate.
- 10 (c) Rebate documents shall be considered submitted the date they
- 11 are postmarked if submitted by mail, or the date they are received by
- 12 the manufacturer if submitted by telephone, internet or other means
- 13 or transmission.
- 14 (d) Violation of this section shall constitute a violation of Chapter
- 15 93A and may be enforced under the procedures available under said
- 16 chapter.
- 17 (e) This section shall take effect on the first day of January next
- 18 succeeding the date of passage.