

SENATE NO. 564

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PRESCRIPTION DRUG VOICE SYNTHESIZERS

*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 175 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section
2 47W the following section:-

3 Section 47X. Any blanket or general policy of insurance described in
4 subdivision (A), (C) or (D) of section 110 which provides prescription drug insurance, which is
5 delivered or issued for delivery or subsequently renewed by agreement between the insurer and
6 the policyholder within or without the commonwealth shall provide coverage for the expense of
7 a medially prescribed voice-synthesizer used in connection with a container that would provide
8 audible information of a prescription for use by a person who is legally blind or visually
9 impaired. The policy holder shall be responsible for returning the container to a pharmacist for
10 refill.

11 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, an individual,
12 public or private institution, business or other organization that regularly and primarily provides
13 a service to a disabled person shall inform the disabled person of the availability of the voice
14 synthesizer referred to in section 47X of chapter 175 of the General Laws.