

HOUSE No. 5752

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 10, 1972.

The committee on Commerce and Labor, to whom was referred so much of the recommendations of the Consumers' Council (House, No. 45) as related to prohibiting any agency of the Commonwealth or any subdivision thereof from regulation advertising (accompanied by bill, House, No. 49); and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 258) of I. Edward Serlin that the Board of Registration in Pharmacy be restricted from promulgating rules or regulations prohibiting the advertising of prescription drug prices, report recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 5752) ought to pass.

For the committee,

GEORGE KEVERIAN.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Two.

AN ACT MAKING THE POSTING OF PRICES MANDATORY FOR PHARMACIES IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

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 13 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
- 2 inserting after section 25 the following section: —
- 3 *Section 25A.* The board of registration in pharmacy shall
- 4 prepare a list of the most commonly used prescription drugs,
- 5 not to exceed one hundred drugs, and shall, before September
- 6 thirtieth in the current year, issue regulations for the posting,
- 7 displaying or otherwise furnishing to patrons, by every phar-
- 8 macy, such list together with the prices charged by such phar-
- 9 macy for such standard quantities of the listed drugs as shall be
- 10 determined by the board.