

HOUSE No. 01032

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James E. Vallee and

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act Relative to Updating Reciprocity for Licensing Optometrists.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

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James E. Vallee

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10th Norfolk

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Jennifer L. Flanagan

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Worcester and Middlesex

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By Mr. James E. Vallee of Franklin, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 01032) of Jennifer Flanagan and James E. Vallee relative to updating reciprocity for licensing optometrists. Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
□ HOUSE
□ , NO. 318 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act Relative to Updating Reciprocity for Licensing Optometrists.

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 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended, in section 68, by striking the second to last paragraph and inserting the
3 following new paragraph:-
4 “Any person who shall present to the board a certified copy or certificate of registration or
5 license which was issued to him after examination by a board of registration in optometry in any
6 other state, where the requirements for registration are in the opinion of the board are reasonably
7 equivalent to those of this commonwealth, shall be registered and given an appropriate certificate
8 of registration in this commonwealth upon passage of a written jurisprudence exam, completion
9 of the required application; provided said applicant has not previously failed to pass the practical

10 examination required in this commonwealth, and that he has been engaged in the reputable
11 practice of optometry continuously for not less than three years immediately preceding his
12 application, and that he intends to practice optometry in this commonwealth. The fee for such
13 registration shall be determined under the aforementioned chapter seven provision.

14 SECTION 2. Section 73B of Chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official
15 Edition, is hereby amended, by inserting after the words “doctor of optometry”, the following
16 words:- “or ‘optometric physician’ ”.