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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Louis L. Kafka***

*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 Relative to the treatment of infantile cataracts..

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| *Louis L. Kafka* | *8th Norfolk* |
| *George T. Ross* | *2nd Bristol* |
| *William C. Galvin* | *6th Norfolk* |
| *James E. Timilty* | |

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By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2066) of Louis L. Kafka and others that health insurance policies that cover infantile cataract surgery provide coverage for aphakic lenses for treatment and rehabilitation. Financial Services.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *933* OF 2009-2010.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**

An Act Relative to the treatment of infantile cataracts..

*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. Chapter 32A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following section:

Section 17J. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the contrary, a health insurance policy that covers infantile cataract surgery must provide coverage for aphakic lenses for treatment and rehabilitation. The coverage must include benefits for prosthetic contact lenses or glasses, as required as medically necessary by the physician.

SECTION 2. Chapter 118E, is hereby amended by adding the following section:

Section 61. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the contrary, a health insurance policy that covers infantile cataract surgery must provide coverage

10 for aphakic lenses for treatment and rehabilitation. The coverage must include benefits for
11 prosthetic contact lenses or glasses, as required as medically necessary by the physician.

12 SECTION 3. Section 108 of Chapter 175 is hereby amended by adding the following
13 section:

14 Section K. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the
15 contrary, a health insurance policy that covers infantile cataract surgery must provide coverage
16 for aphakic lenses for treatment and rehabilitation. The coverage must include benefits for
17 prosthetic contact lenses or glasses, as required as medically necessary by the physician.

18 SECTION 4. Section 110 of Chapter 175 is hereby amended by adding the following
19 section:

20 Section N. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the
21 contrary, a health insurance policy that covers infantile cataract surgery must provide coverage
22 for aphakic lenses for treatment and rehabilitation. The coverage must include benefits for
23 prosthetic contact lenses or glasses, as required as medically necessary by the physician.

24 SECTION 5. Chapter 176A of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the
25 following section:

26 Section 8CC. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the
27 contrary, a health insurance policy that covers infantile cataract surgery must provide coverage
28 for aphakic lenses for treatment and rehabilitation. The coverage must include benefits for
29 prosthetic contact lenses or glasses, as required as medically necessary by the physician.

30 SECTION 6. Chapter 176B of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the
31 following section:

32 Section 4CC. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the
33 contrary, a health insurance policy that covers infantile cataract surgery must provide coverage
34 for aphakic lenses for treatment and rehabilitation. The coverage must include benefits for
35 prosthetic contact lenses or glasses, as required as medically necessary by the physician.

36 SECTION 7. Chapter 176G of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the
37 following section:

38 Section 4U. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the
39 contrary, a health insurance policy that covers infantile cataract surgery must provide coverage
40 for aphakic lenses for treatment and rehabilitation. The coverage must include benefits for
41 prosthetic contact lenses or glasses, as required as medically necessary by the physician.

42 SECTION 8. Chapter 176I of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the
43 following section:

44 Section 12. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the
45 contrary, a health insurance policy that covers infantile cataract surgery must provide coverage
46 for aphakic lenses for treatment and rehabilitation. The coverage must include benefits for
47 prosthetic contact lenses or glasses, as required as medically necessary by the physician.