

HOUSE No. 3163

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas A. Golden, Jr.

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 optometrists scope of practice.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Thomas A. Golden, Jr.</i> | <i>16th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/21/2011</i> |
| <i>Jennifer E. Benson</i> | <i>37th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/3/2011</i> |
| <i>William N. Brownsberger</i> | | <i>2/3/2011</i> |
| <i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i> | <i>12th Hampden</i> | <i>2/3/2011</i> |
| <i>David B. Sullivan</i> | <i>6th Bristol</i> | <i>2/3/2011</i> |
| <i>Denise Provost</i> | <i>27th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/3/2011</i> |
| <i>Chris Walsh</i> | <i>6th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/3/2011</i> |
| <i>Christine E. Canavan</i> | <i>10th Plymouth</i> | <i>2/4/2011</i> |
| <i>David M. Nangle</i> | <i>17th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/4/2011</i> |
| <i>Kevin J. Murphy</i> | <i>18th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/4/2011</i> |

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By Mr. Golden of Lowell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3163) of Thomas A. Golden, Jr. and others relative to the scope of practice by optometrists. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2060 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven
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An Act relative to optometrists scope of practice.

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. Section 66B of Chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, in the first paragraph, after the words “except
3 for those listed in schedule” and inserting after the following new words: “III through”

4 SECTION 2. Section 66B of Chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008
5 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the last sentence in its entirety and inserting the
6 following new sentence:

7 “For the purposes of this section and section 68B, the term “therapeutic pharmaceutical
8 agents” shall mean those pharmaceutical agents required for the diagnosis, prevention,
9 management or treatment of abnormal ocular conditions or diseases.”