

SENATE No. 98

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jennifer L. Flanagan

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 updating reciprocity for licensing optometrists..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Jennifer L. Flanagan</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>
<i>William Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>

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By Ms. Flanagan, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 98) of Jennifer L. Flanagan, William Smitty Pignatelli, Jennifer E. Benson, Kay Khan and other members of the General Court for legislation to update reciprocity for licensing optometrists. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 102 OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen
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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 2004 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended, in section 68, by striking the second to last paragraph and inserting
3 the following new paragraph:-

4 “Any person who shall present to the board a certified copy or certificate of registration
5 or license which was issued to him after examination by a board of registration in optometry in
6 any other state, where the requirements for registration are in the opinion of the board are
7 reasonably equivalent to those of this commonwealth, shall be registered and given an
8 appropriate certificate of registration in this commonwealth upon passage of a written
9 jurisprudence exam, completion of the required application; provided said applicant has not
10 previously failed to pass the practical examination required in this commonwealth, and that he
11 has been engaged in the reputable practice of optometry continuously for not less than three
12 years immediately preceding his application, and that he intends to practice optometry in this
13 commonwealth. The fee for such registration shall be determined under the aforementioned
14 chapter seven provision.

15 SECTION 2. Section 73B of Chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004
16 Official Edition, is hereby amended, by inserting after the words “doctor of optometry”, the
17 following words:- “or ‘optometric physician’ ”.