

**SENATE . . . . . No. 149**

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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>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>

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By Ms. Flanagan, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 149) of Jennifer L. Flanagan, Jennifer E. Benson, Kimberly N. Ferguson and Brian M. Ashe for legislation to update reciprocity for licensing optometrists. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 98 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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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 2014 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended, in section 68, by striking the third 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  
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 2014  
16 Official Edition, is hereby amended, by inserting after the words “doctor of optometry”, the  
17 following words:- “or ‘optometric physician’ ”.