

SENATE No. 31

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Julian Cyr

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 establishing a low vision registry.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | |
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| <i>Julian Cyr</i> | <i>Cape and Islands</i> | |
| <i>Timothy R. Whelan</i> | <i>1st Barnstable</i> | <i>1/24/2017</i> |
| <i>Sarah K. Peake</i> | <i>4th Barnstable</i> | <i>1/31/2017</i> |
| <i>Michael D. Brady</i> | <i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i> | <i>2/3/2017</i> |
| <i>William L. Crocker, Jr.</i> | <i>2nd Barnstable</i> | <i>3/17/2017</i> |

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By Mr. Cyr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 31) of Julian Cyr, Timothy R. Whelan, Sarah K. Peake and Michael D. Brady for legislation to establish a low vision registry. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act establishing a low vision registry.

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 6 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by inserting after section 135 the following section:-

3 Section 135A. The Commissioner shall create a registry list of persons whose visual
4 acuity is found to be with correction 20/60 or less in the better eye, or the peripheral field of
5 vision to have contracted to the ten degrees radius or less regardless of visual acuity. Said
6 register shall be used to aid the commission in efforts to measure the numbers of likely future
7 registrants to the Commonwealth Registry of the Blind. Such persons shall not be eligible for
8 services from the Commission until the standard of legal blindness is met.

9 The reporting requirements contained in section 136 of this chapter shall apply to this
10 section.