

**SENATE . . . . . No. 94**

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**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>2/24/2021</i> |

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By Mr. Cyr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 94) of Julian Cyr and Timothy R. Whelan for legislation to establish a low vision registry. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 34 OF 2019-2020.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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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 2018 Official Edition, is  
2 hereby amended by inserting after section 135 the following section:-

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

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