

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1287**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Edward R. Philips***

*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 the treatment of infantile cataracts.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Edward R. Philips</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>

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By Representative Philips of Sharon, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1287) of Edward R. Philips that health insurance policies that cover infantile cataract surgery be required to provide coverage for aphakic lenses for treatment and rehabilitation. Financial Services.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1116 OF 2023-2024.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act relative to the treatment of infantile cataracts.

*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 32A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following section:

3           Section 17J. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the  
4 contrary, a health insurance policy that covers infantile cataract surgery must provide coverage  
5 for aphakic lenses for treatment and rehabilitation. The coverage must include benefits for  
6 prosthetic contact lenses or glasses, as required as medically necessary by the physician.

7           SECTION 2. Chapter 118E, is hereby amended by adding the following section:

8           Section 61. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the  
9 contrary, a health insurance policy that covers infantile cataract surgery must provide coverage

10 for aphakic lenses for treatment and rehabilitation. The coverage must include benefits for  
11 prosthetic contact lenses or glasses, as required as medically necessary by the physician.

12 SECTION 3. Section 108 of Chapter 175 is hereby amended by adding the following  
13 section:

14 Section K. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the  
15 contrary, a health insurance policy that covers infantile cataract surgery must provide coverage  
16 for aphakic lenses for treatment and rehabilitation. The coverage must include benefits for  
17 prosthetic contact lenses or glasses, as required as medically necessary by the physician.

18 SECTION 4. Section 110 of Chapter 175 is hereby amended by adding the following  
19 section:

20 Section N. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the  
21 contrary, a health insurance policy that covers infantile cataract surgery must provide coverage  
22 for aphakic lenses for treatment and rehabilitation. The coverage must include benefits for  
23 prosthetic contact lenses or glasses, as required as medically necessary by the physician.

24 SECTION 5. Chapter 176A of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the  
25 following section:

26 Section 8CC. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the  
27 contrary, a health insurance policy that covers infantile cataract surgery must provide coverage  
28 for aphakic lenses for treatment and rehabilitation. The coverage must include benefits for  
29 prosthetic contact lenses or glasses, as required as medically necessary by the physician.

30 SECTION 6. Chapter 176B of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the  
31 following section:

32 Section 4CC. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the  
33 contrary, a health insurance policy that covers infantile cataract surgery must provide coverage  
34 for aphakic lenses for treatment and rehabilitation. The coverage must include benefits for  
35 prosthetic contact lenses or glasses, as required as medically necessary by the physician.

36 SECTION 7. Chapter 176G of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the  
37 following section:

38 Section 4U. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the  
39 contrary, a health insurance policy that covers infantile cataract surgery must provide coverage  
40 for aphakic lenses for treatment and rehabilitation. The coverage must include benefits for  
41 prosthetic contact lenses or glasses, as required as medically necessary by the physician.

42 SECTION 8. Chapter 176I of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the  
43 following section:

44 Section 12. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the  
45 contrary, a health insurance policy that covers infantile cataract surgery must provide coverage  
46 for aphakic lenses for treatment and rehabilitation. The coverage must include benefits for  
47 prosthetic contact lenses or glasses, as required as medically necessary by the physician.