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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James E. Vallee and 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 passage of the accompanying:

An Act Relative to Updating Reciprocity for Licensing Optometrists.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
James E. Vallee	*10th Norfolk*
Jennifer L. Flanagan	
	☐ *[District]*
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By Representative Vallee of Franklin and Senator Flanagan, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1032) of James E. Vallee and Jennifer L. Flanagan relative to updating reciprocity for licensing optometrists. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
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, NO. *318* OF 2009-2010.]

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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:

SECTION 1. Chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended, in section 68, by striking the second to last paragraph and inserting the following new paragraph:-

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

SECTION 2. Section 73B of Chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended, by inserting after the words "doctor of optometry", the following words:- "or 'optometric physician' ".