

HOUSE No. 337

By Mr. Vallee of Franklin, petition of James E. Vallee relative to updating reciprocity for licensing optometrists. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

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
2 the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended, in section 68, by
3 striking the second to last paragraph and inserting the following new
4 paragraph:—

5 “Any person who shall present to the board a certified copy or
6 certificate of registration or license which was issued to him after
7 examination by a board of registration in optometry in any other
8 state, where the requirements for registration are in the opinion of
9 the board are reasonably equivalent to those of this Commonwealth,
10 shall be registered and given an appropriate certificate of registration
11 in this Commonwealth upon passage of a written jurisprudence
12 exam, completion of the required application; provided said appli-
13 cant has not previously failed to pass the practical examination
14 required in this Commonwealth, and that he has been engaged in the
15 reputable practice of optometry continuously for not less than three
16 years immediately preceding his application, and that he intends to
17 practice optometry in this Commonwealth. The fee for such registra-
18 tion shall be determined under the aforementioned Chapter seven
19 provision.

1 SECTION 2. Section 73B of Chapter 112 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended, by
3 inserting after the words “doctor of optometry”, the following
4 words:—“or ‘optometric physician’ ”