

HOUSE No. 2093

By Ms. Flanagan of Leominster, petition of Jennifer L. Flanagan and others for legislation to expand the membership of the Public Health Council and to provide for the appointment of an optometrist to said Council. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Jennifer L. Flanagan	Louis L. Kafka
Edward M. Augustus, Jr.	Christine E. Canavan
Gale D. Candaras	

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ADDITION OF AN OPTOMETRIST TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCIL.

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 3 of chapter 17 of the General Laws, as amended by
2 section 5 of chapter 58 of the acts of 2006, is hereby further
3 amended by striking out the subsection (c) and inserting in place
4 thereof the following subsection:—
5 (c) 7 of the appointed members shall be providers of health serv-
6 ices: 1 shall be the chief executive officer of an acute care hospital
7 appointed by the Massachusetts Hospital Association; 1 shall be the
8 chief executive officer of a skilled nursing facility appointed by the
9 Massachusetts Extended Care Federation; 2 shall be registered
10 nurses, to be appointed by the board of registration of nurses and
11 shall be the highest vote-getters on a mail ballot sent to the address
12 of record of all registered nurses licensed by the board of registration
13 of nurses, 1 of whom shall be a nurse executive, 1 shall be an
14 optometrist appointed by the Massachusetts Society of Optometrist
15 and 2 shall be physicians appointed by the Massachusetts Medical
16 Society, 1 of whom shall be a primary care physician.