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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 112, §§ 61 and 67, and M.G.L. c. 30A, § 2, the Board of Registration in Optometry will hold a public hearing relative to the proposed promulgation of amendments to its regulations, 246 CMR §§ 1.00, 2.00, and 3.00, the rules and regulations governing the practice of optometry in the Commonwealth. By these amendments, the Board seeks to allow for a greater number of qualified out-of-state licensees to meet the Commonwealth's licensure requirements; remove unnecessary and burdensome requirements on licensees; and afford the optometrist greater professional discretion in performing contact lens evaluations and selecting continuing education courses.

The proposed amendments will also make a number of technical corrections, eliminate unnecessary provisions, amend terms for consistency, and codify recent amendments in state and federal laws.

The hearing will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 21, 2016, at the Division of Professional Licensure in a first floor conference room at 1000 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02118. Interested parties will be given an opportunity to present testimony, orally or in writing, at the hearing. The Board will also accept written comments regarding the proposed amendments through the end of business on September 28, 2016. Written comments may be mailed to the Board of Registration in Optometry 1000 Washington Street, Suite 710, Boston, Massachusetts 02118-6100, or emailed to Daquiri.j.purifoy@state.ma.us. A copy of the proposed amendments to the regulations may be found on the Board's website at <http://www.mass.gov/ocabr/licensee/dpl-boards/op/> or by contacting the Board at 617-727-9970.

Directions to 1000 Washington Street as well as information on parking, are available on DPL's [Agency Officer Locator](#) webpage. Please note that photo identification is required of all persons entering 1000 Washington Street.

Reasonable accommodations or modifications will be provided to individuals with disabilities to participate in the public hearing. All requests should be directed to Cheryl Yebba by calling 617-727-4992 (TTY/TDD 617-727-2099) no later than 48 hours prior to the start of the hearing. While the agency will attempt to honor all requests, those requests received less than 48 hours prior to the start of the meeting may not be accommodated due to feasibility.

