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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Steven J. D'Amico**

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*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 bill:

An Act relative to optometrists.

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PETITION OF:

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to 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 is hereby amended by inserting, after section 73B, the following section:-

Section 73B1/2. Any contract or agreement which creates or establishes the terms of a partnership, employment, or any other form of professional relationship with an optometrist registered to practice optometry pursuant to section 66, which includes any restriction of the right of such optometrist to practice optometry in any geographic area for any period of time after the termination of such partnership, employment or professional relationship, shall be void and unenforceable with respect to said restriction; provided, however, that nothing herein shall render void or unenforceable the remaining provisions of any such contract or agreement.