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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Jennifer L. Flanagan**

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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 authorizing the addition of an Optometrist to the Public Health Council.

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PETITION OF:

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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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:*

SECTION 1.  Section 3 of chapter 17 of the General Laws, as amended by section 5 of chapter 58 of the acts of 2006, is hereby further amended by striking out the subsection (c) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

(c) 7 of the appointed members shall be providers of health services:  1 shall be the chief executive officer of an acute care hospital appointed by the Massachusetts Hospital Association; 1 shall be the chief executive officer of a skilled nursing facility appointed by the Massachusetts Extended Care Federation; 2 shall be registered nurses, to be appointed by the board of registration of nurses and shall be the highest vote-getters on a mail ballot sent to the address of record of all registered nurses licensed by the board of registration of nurses, 1 of whom shall be a nurse executive, 1 shall be an optometrist appointed by the Massachusetts Society of Optometrist and 2 shall be physicians appointed by the Massachusetts Medical Society, 1 of whom shall be a primary care physician.