

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Louis L. Kafka

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 the treatment of infantile cataracts.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE TREATMENT OF INFANTILE CATARACTS.

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 32A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by adding the following section:

3 Section 17J. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the contrary, a
4 health insurance policy that covers infantile cataract surgery must provide coverage for aphakic lenses
5 for treatment and rehabilitation. The coverage must include benefits for prosthetic contact lenses or
6 glasses, as required as medically necessary by the physician.

7 SECTION 2. Chapter 118E, is hereby amended by adding the following section:

8 Section 61. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the contrary, a
9 health insurance policy that covers infantile cataract surgery must provide coverage for aphakic lenses
10 for treatment and rehabilitation. The coverage must include benefits for prosthetic contact lenses or
11 glasses, as required as medically necessary by the physician.

12 SECTION 3. Section 108 of Chapter 175 is hereby amended by adding the following section:

13 Section K. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the contrary, a
14 health insurance policy that covers infantile cataract surgery must provide coverage for aphakic lenses
15 for treatment and rehabilitation. The coverage must include benefits for prosthetic contact lenses or
16 glasses, as required as medically necessary by the physician.

17 SECTION 4. Section 110 of Chapter 175 is hereby amended by adding the following section:

18 Section N. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the contrary, a
19 health insurance policy that covers infantile cataract surgery must provide coverage for aphakic lenses
20 for treatment and rehabilitation. The coverage must include benefits for prosthetic contact lenses or
21 glasses, as required as medically necessary by the physician.

22 SECTION 5. Chapter 176A of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:

23 Section 8CC. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the contrary, a
24 health insurance policy that covers infantile cataract surgery must provide coverage for aphakic lenses
25 for treatment and rehabilitation. The coverage must include benefits for prosthetic contact lenses or
26 glasses, as required as medically necessary by the physician.

27 SECTION 6. Chapter 176B of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:

28 Section 4CC. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the contrary, a
29 health insurance policy that covers infantile cataract surgery must provide coverage for aphakic lenses
30 for treatment and rehabilitation. The coverage must include benefits for prosthetic contact lenses or
31 glasses, as required as medically necessary by the physician.

32 SECTION 7. Chapter 176G of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:

33 Section 4U. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the contrary, a
34 health insurance policy that covers infantile cataract surgery must provide coverage for aphakic lenses
35 for treatment and rehabilitation. The coverage must include benefits for prosthetic contact lenses or
36 glasses, as required as medically necessary by the physician.

37 SECTION 8. Chapter 176I of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:

38 Section 12. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the contrary, a
39 health insurance policy that covers infantile cataract surgery must provide coverage for aphakic lenses
40 for treatment and rehabilitation. The coverage must include benefits for prosthetic contact lenses or
41 glasses, as required as medically necessary by the physician.

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