

**SENATE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Jennifer L. Flanagan**

*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.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Jennifer L. Flanagan

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Worcester and Middlesex

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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

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