

By Mr. Buffone of Worcester, petition of Charles J. Buffone and another that provision be made for the issuance of apprentice licenses to certain minors by the Board of Registration of Dispensing Opticians. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Seven.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF APPRENTICE LICENSES TO CERTAIN MINORS BY THE BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS.

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 73E of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appear-
2 ing in section 2 of chapter 688 of the acts of 1955, is hereby
3 amended by adding at the end thereof the following two para-
4 graphs:—

5 Application for registration as a dispensing optician may be
6 made by any citizen between the ages of eighteen and twenty-
7 one years who pays a fee of twenty-five dollars and furnishes
8 the board with proof that he has completed a regular day or
9 night course of not less than the required number of hours
10 for applicants over the age of twenty-one years and in a school
11 or college which maintains educational requirements satis-
12 factory to the board. The board shall thereupon give such ap-
13 plicant a written or practical examination, or both, to deter-
14 mine whether he possesses the ability, knowledge and fitness
15 properly to engage in practice as a dispensing optician when
16 he attains the age of twenty-one years. If the applicant passes
17 such examination, he shall be granted an apprentice license to
18 remain in effect until he attains the age of twenty-one years
19 whereupon the board shall automatically grant him a license
20 as a dispensing optician. An applicant to whom an apprentice
21 license is issued may, during the effective period of such li-
22 cense, perform any of the acts set forth in section seventy-

23 three C under the personal supervision of a licensed dispens-
24 ing optician, optometrist or physician in the same manner
25 as a certified apprentice under section seventy-three K.

26 Any applicant who fails to pass such examination shall be
27 entitled to take additional examinations, and for each subse-
28 quent examination a fee of five dollars shall be paid by such
29 applicant.