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Testimony of Representative Jennifer Poirier presenting

LD 1956 "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Optometrists"

Before the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Senator Bailey, Representative Perry and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services, I am Jennifer Poirier, and I proudly represent House District 70, which is comprised of Skowhegan. I am pleased to stand before you today to present LD 1956, An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Optometrists.

I was asked to sponsor this bill on behalf of the State Board of Optometry, so I will keep my introduction short. Experts like Dr. Thomas Nadeau, testifying after me, are better suited to answer any questions you may have you may have about the bill.

It is my understanding that the bill aligns the laws governing Optometry with current statutes and applies much needed updates and revisions.

I hope the committee will give thought and consideration to this proposal and I respectfully ask you to **support LD 1956.** Thank you for allowing me to present this bill. I would be glad to answer any questions you may have.

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Rep. Jennifer Poirier