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**STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

**BOSTON:** At its meeting today the state Board of Registration in Medicine took disciplinary action against the medical licenses of Joseph Z. Zolot, M.D., and Stephanie H. Taylor, M.D.

The Board summarily suspended the license to practice medicine of Dr. Zolot. Summary suspension is a disciplinary action taken when the Board determines that a physician poses an immediate and serious threat to the public health, safety or welfare. Summary suspensions immediately remove a physician from the practice of medicine. The Board alleges that Dr. Zolot provided substandard care to several patients, and improperly prescribed controlled substances to patients. Dr. Zolot is entitled to a hearing before the state Division of Administrative Law Appeals within seven days to appeal this summary suspension. Dr. Zolot is a 1974 graduate of Leningrad Pediatric Medical Institute. He is board certified in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, and has practiced medicine in Massachusetts since 1993. His practice is located in Needham.

The Board also found that Dr. Stephanie H. Taylor improperly prescribed controlled substances to two patients with whom she had a personal relationship, and that she did so without completing a medical examination and without creating a medical record. Dr. Taylor was disciplined by the Board in 2000 in response to discipline by the Vermont Board of Medical Practice. In 2005 Dr. Taylor surrendered her Vermont medical license. Today the Massachusetts Board revoked Dr. Taylor's right to renew her license to practice medicine in Massachusetts. Her Massachusetts license expired in 2005. Dr. Taylor is a 1984 graduate of Harvard Medical School, and she has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts since 1987.

The Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine licenses more than 30,000 physicians, osteopaths and acupuncturists. The Board was created in 1894 to protect the public health and safety by setting standards for the practice of medicine and ensuring that doctors who practice in the Commonwealth are appropriately qualified and competent. The Board investigates complaints, holds hearings and determines sanctions. More information is available at [www.massmedboard.org](http://www.massmedboard.org).

**NOTE TO EDITORS:** Copies of orders issued by the Board are available at (617) 654-9867, and at the Board's website at <http://www.massmedboard.org/public/discipline.shtm>.

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