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**STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE'S ACUPUNCTURE COMMITTEE TAKES  
DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

**BOSTON:** At its meeting today the state Board of Registration in Medicine's Committee on Acupuncture took disciplinary action against the acupuncture license of Joshua Bellini, Lic. Ac.

The Committee found that Mr. Bellini practiced acupuncture in a manner which is professionally unethical according to the ethical standards of the profession. In 2006, the Committee accepted a Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice from Mr. Bellini. Today the Committee indefinitely suspended Mr. Bellini's license to practice acupuncture. The suspension will be stayed upon his entry into a Probation Agreement for at least five years that requires Mr. Bellini to restrict his practice to a clinic, group or multi-provider setting and to complete additional Continuing Acupuncture Education credits on professional boundaries and sexual harassment. Mr. Bellini is a 1989 graduate of the New England School of Acupuncture, and has been licensed to practice acupuncture in Massachusetts since 1989.

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).

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