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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 license of Mack L. Cheney, M.D.

The Board found that Dr. Mack L. Cheney practiced medicine while his ability to do so was impaired by alcohol. In January 2007, Dr. Cheney entered into a Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice with the Board. Today the Board indefinitely suspended his license to practice medicine. The suspension was stayed upon Dr. Cheney's entry into a Probation Agreement requiring him to enter into and comply with a substance use monitoring contract and monitoring of his practice by a Board approved physician monitor. The Probation Agreement will remain in effect until at least December 2011. Dr. Cheney is a 1982 graduate of the University of Mississippi School of Medicine. He is a board certified otolaryngologist, and has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts since 1986.

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.

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

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