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**STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

**BOSTON:** At a special meeting today, the State Board of Registration in Medicine summarily suspended the medical license of Julian Abbey, M.D.

Dr. Julian Abbey is a 1992 graduate of New York Medical College and was first licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts in 1995. His specialties are emergency medicine and anesthesiology.

In June 2004, Dr. Abbey entered into a Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice Medicine. As a consequence of such an agreement, a physician may not prescribe controlled substances. Beginning in October 2004, Dr. Abbey placed and received 15 mail orders for a total of 35,500 Vicodin pills. On November 2, 2005, Dr. Abbey was arraigned in Peabody District Court and charged with illegal possession of a class C substance with intent to distribute. Today the Board found that Dr. Abbey is an immediate threat to the public safety, health and welfare, and summarily suspended his license. He has the right to appeal this suspension to the Division of Administrative Law Appeals.

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 about the Board is available at [www.massmedboard.org](http://www.massmedboard.org).

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