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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 Perveen Rathore, M.D. and Bruce Biller, M.D.

The Board indefinitely suspended the license to practice medicine of Dr. Perveen Rathore. The Board found that in May 2007, while Dr. Rathore was working as a hospital on-call psychiatrist, she refused to report to the hospital to evaluate a patient. She was then relieved of on-call duty by the hospital. She later arrived at the hospital and was told to leave. She did not leave, and ultimately engaged in a physical altercation with police and hospital staff. Dr. Rathore entered into a Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice in June 2007. Dr. Rathore may petition the Board to stay today's suspension of her license if she enters into a Probation Agreement under such terms as the Board may order. Dr. Rathore is a 1980 graduate of the King Edward Medical College, University of Punjab, India. She specializes in psychiatry and child psychiatry, and has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts since 1997.

In the matter of Dr. Bruce Biller, the Board found that he behaved inappropriately with two co-workers. Today the Board reprimanded Dr. Biller and required him to complete Board-approved training on sexual harassment. Dr. Biller is a 1973 graduate of New York University School of Medicine. He is board certified in internal Medicine, and has been licensed to practice in Massachusetts since 1975.

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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