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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 John F. Brewer, M.D. and Robert P. Hopkins, M.D.

The Board revoked the medical license of Dr. John F. Brewer. On September 25, 2006 Dr. Brewer was arrested and charged with multiple drug-related offenses. On September 27, 2006 Dr. Brewer entered into a Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice with the Board, and his license was suspended by the Board on October 18, 2006. He subsequently admitted to sufficient facts in Lowell District Court on 27 drug-related charges, including writing and filling prescriptions for controlled substances for individuals who were not his patients, and using the controlled substances for his personal use. Dr. Brewer is a 1976 graduate of the University of Michigan Medical School. He is board certified in Diagnostic Radiology, and has been licensed to practice in Massachusetts since 1980.

In another matter, the Board indefinitely suspended the license of Dr. Robert P. Hopkins retroactive to February 16, 2007, the date he entered into a Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice. The Board found that Dr. Hopkins failed to maintain appropriate boundaries with a patient. The suspension was immediately stayed upon Dr. Hopkins' entry into a Probation agreement that requires him to successfully complete a Board-approved intensive multi-day course on maintaining boundaries with patients. Dr. Hopkins is a 1964 graduate of Harvard Medical School. He is board certified in Psychiatry, and has been licensed to practice in Massachusetts since 1966.

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 in .pdf form on the Board's website at <http://www.massmedboard.org/public/discipline.shtm>.

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