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STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION

WAKEFIELD: At its meeting today the state Board of Registration in Medicine took disciplinary action against the medical licenses of John R. Joseph, M.D. and Joseph L. Holik, M.D.

The Board found that Dr. John Joseph engaged in sexually harassing behavior in the workplace, and that he subsequently resigned from that practice setting. Dr. Joseph currently practices in Maine. Today the Board indefinitely suspended Dr. Joseph's license to practice medicine. The suspension was immediately stayed upon Dr. Joseph's entry into a Probation Agreement that requires the express approval of the Board should Dr. Joseph wish to return to active practice in Massachusetts. Dr. Joseph is a 1983 graduate of George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Science. He is board certified in Emergency Medicine, and has been licensed to practice in Massachusetts since 1987.

In another matter the Board accepted the resignation of Dr. Joseph Holik's license to practice medicine. Resignation is a disciplinary action that permanently removes a physician from practice. Dr. Holik is a 1963 graduate of the Medical College of Wisconsin. He specializes in General Practice and has been licensed to practice in Massachusetts since 1971.

The Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine licenses more than 38,000 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 Board orders are available at (781) 876-8267, and in .pdf form on the Board's website at <http://www.massmedboard.org/public/discipline.shtm>.

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