

HOUSE No. 1544

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Steven M. Walsh

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act requiring doctor gratuity reporting.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Steven M. Walsh</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>	<i>1/20/2011</i>

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By Mr. Walsh of Lynn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1544) of Steven M. Walsh requiring physicians to file with the Board of Registration in Medicine information relative to the receipt of gifts and gratuities received from certain corporations. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2179 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act requiring doctor gratuity reporting.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 2 of Chapter 112 of the Massachusetts General Laws, Official 2008 Edition, is
2 hereby amended after paragraph 8 and before paragraph 9 the following new paragraph shall be
3 inserted;

4 The board shall require as a condition of granting or renewing a physician's certificate of
5 registration, that the physician disclose in writing each gift, benefit, gratuity, blandishment or
6 incentive of any kind received from any agent or manufacture of drugs, pharmaceuticals or other
7 medication, or from any agent or manufacturer of any medical device, treatment or service that
8 the physician has or could provide to patients under his care. For each gift, gratuity,
9 blandishment, or incentive, the disclosure shall include a description, the estimated cash value
10 and the name and company of the donor.