

HOUSE No. 2241

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Gerard J. Cassidy

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 relative to health care transparency.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Gerard J. Cassidy</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Jon Santiago</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>	<i>10/25/2021</i>

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By Mr. Cassidy of Brockton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2241) of Gerard J. Cassidy relative to the use of the term physician. Public Health.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to health care transparency.

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 1. Chapter 112 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section
2 8A and inserting in place thereof the following section:

3 Section 8A. No person may, directly or indirectly, use the title "physician" or display or
4 use the term physician in any title, advertisement, listing of affiliations, communication with the
5 public or in any other manner to indicate or imply in any way that such person offers to engage
6 or engages in the practice of medicine or in the provision of health care services to patients
7 within the commonwealth who is not registered by the board of registration in medicine as a
8 physician under section 2, nor use or imply the use of the words or terms "surgeon," "medical
9 doctor," "doctor of osteopathy," "M.D.," "anesthesiologist," "cardiologist," "dermatologist,"
10 "endocrinologist," "gastroenterologist," "general practitioner," "gynecologist," "hematologist,"
11 "internist," "laryngologist," "nephrologist," "neurologist," "obstetrician," "oncologist,"
12 "ophthalmologist," "orthopedic surgeon," "orthopedist," "osteopath," "otologist,"
13 "otolaryngologist," "otolaryngologist," "pathologist," "pediatrician," "primary care physician,"

14 “proctologist,” “psychiatrist,” “radiologist,” “rheumatologist,” “rhinologist,” “urologist,” or any
15 similar title or description of services with the intent to represent that the person practices
16 medicine. This section shall not apply to use of the term "chiropractic physician" by individuals
17 licensed and practicing under sections 89 to 97, inclusive, or the use of the term "podiatric
18 physician" by individuals licensed and practicing under sections 13 to 22, inclusive, or the use of
19 the term "physician assistant" by individuals licensed and practicing under sections 9C to 9K,
20 inclusive. A person who violates this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100
21 and not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not less than 30 days and not more than 1 year
22 in the house of corrections, or by both such fine and imprisonment.