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SENATE . . . . . No. 2195

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Twelve

An Act relative to disciplinary actions under the Board of Registration in Medicine.

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

SECTION 1. Section 5F of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, in the first paragraph, after the word "eleven" in the first sentence, the words, "and including a pharmacist registered and practicing under 24 to 36, inclusive; nurse practitioner, licensed and practicing under 74 to 80H, inclusive; physician assistant, licensed and practicing under 9C to 9K, inclusive; and acupuncturist licensed and practicing under 148 to 162, inclusive".

SECTION 2. Section 5F of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting, in the second paragraph, after the words "requirements of a" in the fifth sentence, the words, "mental health,".

SECTION 3. Section 6 of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out in the first sentence the following words: "by a fine of not less than one hundred nor more than one thousand dollars or by imprisonment for not less than one month nor more than one year, or both", and by inserting in place thereof the following:-

14 by imprisonment in the state prison for not less than two and one-half years nor more
15 than five years or by a fine of not more than five thousand dollars and imprisonment in a jail or
16 house of correction for not more than two and one-half years, or both such fine and
17 imprisonment.

18 SECTION 4. Section 159 of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
19 amended by striking out in the first sentence the following words: "by a fine of not less than one
20 hundred nor more than one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment for not less than three months,
21 or both such fine and imprisonment", and by inserting in place thereof the following:-

22 by a fine of not more than five thousand dollars, or by imprisonment in the state prison
23 for not less than two and one-half years nor more than five years, or imprisonment in a jail or
24 house of correction for not more than two and one-half years, or both such fine and
25 imprisonment.

26 SECTION 5. Section 160 of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
27 amended by striking out in the second sentence the following words: "by a fine of not less than
28 one hundred nor more than one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment for not less than one month
29 nor more than one year, or both", and by inserting in place thereof the following:-

30 by a fine of not more than five thousand dollars, or by imprisonment in the state prison
31 for not less than two and one-half years nor more than five years, or imprisonment in a jail or
32 house of correction for not more than two and one-half years, or both such fine and
33 imprisonment.