

**Committee on Public Health  
Bill Summary**

**Bill No.** H2513/S1500  
**Title:** *An Act relative to health care transparency*  
**Sponsor:** Representative Bridget Plouffe/Senator John J. Cronin  
**Committee:** Public Health  
**Hearing Date:** September 21, 2023  
**Similar Matters:** S1500  
**Prior History:** Re-file of H3606 of 23-24; Referred to Public Health Committee; Accompanied a study order.  
**Reporting Deadline:** September 12, 2025

**Current Law:**

- **M.G.L. Chapter 112** pertains to the registration of certain professions and occupations.
- **M.G.L. Chapter 112 §8A** pertains to the use of term "physician" in title, advertisement, etc.; penalties

**Summary:**

This bill amends M.G.L. Chapter 112 to prohibit any person, directly or indirectly, from using the title "physician" or related medical terms in any title, advertisement, listing of affiliations, or communication with the public in any way that suggests they practice medicine or the provision of health care services unless they are registered as a physician with the Board of Registration in Medicine. Violations of this provision will result in fines or imprisonment. This bill also adds definitions for the terms "advertisement," "deceptive," "misleading," "health care practitioner," and "licensee;" and establishes requirements for health care advertisements.