

By Mr. Doran of Lexington, petition of Stephen W. Doran and Richard A. Kraus for legislation to prohibit physicians from referring patients for X-ray and similar services by family-owned organizations. Health Care.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Seven.

AN ACT PROHIBITING PHYSICIANS FROM REFERRING PATIENTS FOR X-RAY AND SIMILAR SERVICES BY FAMILY-OWNED ORGANIZATIONS.

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

1 Chapter 112 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting  
2 after section 12Y the following section: —

3 Section 12Z. As used in this section the following words shall  
4 have the following meanings:

5 “Immediate family”, the spouse and children of a licensee, the  
6 parents of a licensee and a licensee’s spouse, and the spouses of  
7 the children of a licensee.

8 “Ownership interest”, any and all ownership interest including,  
9 but not limited to, any membership, proprietary interest, stock  
10 interest, partnership interest, co-ownership in any form, or any  
11 profit sharing arrangement, but not including the ownership of  
12 any stock listed or approved for listing upon the notice of issuance  
13 on a national securities exchange.

14 “licensee”, any physician or surgeon licensed to practice  
15 medicine in the commonwealth.

16 “Significant financial interest”, as any interest equal to or  
17 greater than the lesser of five per cent of the organization receiving  
18 such referral or a twenty-five thousand dollar interest in the  
19 organization.

20 No physician or surgeon shall refer patients to an x-ray,  
21 ultrasound, or other imaging facility in which the physician,  
22 surgeon, or his immediate family, have a significant financial  
23 interest, co-ownership or profit sharing arrangement.

The Honorable [Name] of the [State] of [State] do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the [document] as the same appears on the records of the [office] of the [State] of [State] this [day] of [Month] 19[Year].

### The Constitution of the State of [State]

As amended by the [Constitutional Convention] of [Year]

Article [Number] of the Constitution of the State of [State]

Section [Number] of the Constitution of the State of [State]

1. [Text of the section]

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11. [Text of the section]