

By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 536) of Richard T. Moore, Bruce E. Tarr, Mary Jane Simmons, other members of the General Court and another for legislation to clarify the definition of the word "physician". Health Care.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and One.

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF PHYSICIAN.

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 Massachusetts General Laws is hereby
- 2 amended by the addition of the following new section:—
- 3 Section 6A. No person may, directly or indirectly, use the title
- 4 "physician" or display or use the term physician in any title,
- 5 advertisement, listing of affiliations, or communication with the
- 6 public or other manner to indicate or imply in any way that such
- 7 person offers to engage or engages in the practice of medicine or
- 8 in any provision of health care services to patients within the
- 9 Commonwealth who is not registered by the Board of Registration
- 10 in Medicine pursuant to Section 2 of this chapter. Provided, how-
- 11 ever, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to use of
- 12 the term "chiropractic physician" by individuals licensed under
- 13 Sections 89-97 of this Chapter, nor shall the provisions of this
- 14 section apply to the use of the term "podiatric physician" by indi-
- 15 viduals licensed under Sections 13-22 of this Chapter.

