

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2179**

By Mr. Walsh of Lynn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2179) of Steven M. Walsh and others for legislation to require physicians to file with the Board of Registration in Medicine information relative to the receipt of gifts and gratuities received from certain corporations. Public Health.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Steven M. Walsh**

*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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act requiring doctor gratuity reporting.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Steven M. Walsh	11th Essex
Denise Provost	27th Middlesex
Richard J. Ross	9th Norfolk

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2279 OF 2007-2008.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine  
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### AN ACT REQUIRING DOCTOR GRATUITY REPORTING.

*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 2 of Chapter 112 of the Massachusetts General Laws, Official 2006 Edition, is hereby  
2 amended after paragraph 8 and before paragraph 9 the following new paragraph shall be inserted;

3           The board shall require as a condition of granting or renewing a physician's certificate of  
4 registration, that the physician disclose in writing each gift, benefit, gratuity, blandishment or incentive of  
5 any kind received from any agent or manufacture of drugs, pharmaceuticals or other medication, or from  
6 any agent or manufacturer of any medical device, treatment or service that the physician has or could  
7 provide to patients under his care. For each gift, gratuity, blandishment, or incentive, the disclosure shall  
8 include a description, the estimated cash value and the name and company of the donor.