

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Steven M. Walsh**

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*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.]

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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.