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**Friday, September 9, 2016**

**MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF MEDICINE TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

**WAKEFIELD:** At its meeting on September 8, 2016, the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine took disciplinary action against the medical licenses of Herbert O. Bote, M.D. and Kenneth G. Stephens, M.D.

The Board accepted the resignation of the licenses to practice medicine of Dr. Herbert O. Bote and Dr. Kenneth G. Stephens. Resignation is a disciplinary action that permanently removes a physician from the practice of medicine. Dr. Bote, a board-certified orthopaedic surgeon, has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts since 2002. He is also licensed to practice medicine in Alaska and Maine. Dr. Stephens is a psychiatrist who has been licensed in Massachusetts since 2013. He is also licensed to practice medicine in Arkansas and Louisiana, although his license is currently suspended in Arkansas.

The Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine licenses more than 40,000 physicians, osteopaths and acupuncturists. The Board was created in 1894 to protect the public health and safety by setting standards for the practice of medicine and ensuring that doctors who practice in the Commonwealth are appropriately qualified and competent. The Board investigates complaints and determines sanctions. More information is available at [www.mass.gov/massmedboard](http://www.mass.gov/massmedboard), or you may contact Bridgette Sanders at (781) 876-8202.