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3 **Title:** Maintenance of Licensure
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10 **Referred to:** Reference Committee E
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12 **House Action:** Substitute Adopted
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15 **Whereas, plans by licensing boards and "non-profit" certification organizations,**
16 **among others, threaten to require physicians to complete expensive, time consuming,**
17 **and bureaucratic certification programs at their own expense and to the detriment of**
18 **time spent with patients, and**

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20 **Whereas, in order to simply keep their medical license or hospital privileges**
21 **above and beyond the present Continuing Medical Education (CME) requirement, and**
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23 **Whereas, under the guise of improving medical care, these schemes, in reality,**
24 **serve to increase the power and balance sheets of their proponents and are**
25 **counterproductive to quality patient care, and**
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27 **Whereas, the Ohio State Medical Society recently resolved to oppose and**
28 **actively defeated the Federation of State Medical Boards, INC. (FSMB), Maintenance of**
29 **Licensure initiative in Ohio in 2012, and**
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31 **Whereas, the FSMB national efforts would impose burdens on the physicians of**
32 **Michigan in an adverse manner, and have resulted in active AMA opposition on a**
33 **national level, and**
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35 **Whereas, maintenance of licensure processes invoke economic credentialing**
36 **detrimental to physician availability and patient care with no data to show that the**
37 **current system of continuous medical education is inadequate; therefore be it**
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39 **RESOLVED: That MSMS strongly recommend that the present requirement for**
40 **licensure of 50 credits per year of Continuing Medical Education (CME) is adequate to**
41 **maintain a medical license. Whereas, MSMS is actively engaged in advocacy to protect**
42 **physicians from unnecessary regulatory and financial burdens in their practices; and**
43 **be it further**
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45 **RESOLVED: That MSMS actively engage the Michigan Board of Medicine and**
46 **the state legislature to advocate against the adoption of additional continuing medical**
47 **education (CME) requirements for acquiring or renewing physician licenses in the**
48 **State of Michigan than what is currently required.**
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51 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**