RESOLUTION 38-13

Title: Maintenance of Licensure

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Referred to: Reference Committee E

House Action: Substitute Adopted

Whereas, plans by licensing boards and "non-profit" certification organizations, among others, threaten to require physicians to complete expensive, time consuming, and bureaucratic certification programs at their own expense and to the detriment of time spent with patients, and

Whereas, in order to simply keep their medical license or hospital privileges above and beyond the present Continuing Medical Education (CME) requirement, and

Whereas, under the guise of improving medical care, these schemes, in reality, serve to increase the power and balance sheets of their proponents and are counterproductive to quality patient care, and

Whereas, the Ohio State Medical Society recently resolved to oppose and actively defeated the Federation of State Medical Boards, INC. (FSMB), Maintenance of Licensure initiative in Ohio in 2012, and

Whereas, the FSMB national efforts would impose burdens on the physicians of Michigan in an adverse manner, and have resulted in active AMA opposition on a national level, and

Whereas, maintenance of licensure processes invoke economic credentialing detrimental to physician availability and patient care with no data to show that the current system of continuous medical education is inadequate; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS strongly recommend that the present requirement for licensure of 50 credits per year of Continuing Medical Education (CME) is adequate to maintain a medical license. Whereas, MSMS is actively engaged in advocacy to protect physicians from unnecessary regulatory and financial burdens in their practices; and be it further

RESOLVED: That MSMS actively engage the Michigan Board of Medicine and the state legislature to advocate against the adoption of additional continuing medical education (CME) requirements for acquiring or renewing physician licenses in the State of Michigan than what is currently required.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE