

1 New Jersey Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons
2 House of Delegates
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5 Resolution No. 1

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7 SUBJECT: OPPOSITION TO MAINTENANCE OF LICENSURE

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9 SUBMITTED BY: New Jersey Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons

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12 WHEREAS, Maintenance of Licensure (MOL) is clearly defined by the Federation of
13 State Medical Boards (FSMB) and America Osteopathic Association (AOA) as a distinct
14 entity that includes 1) Reflective Lifelong Learning, 2) Assessment of Knowledge and
15 Skills and 3) Performance in Practice, as noted by the National Board of Osteopathic
16 Medical Examiners (NBOME) in 2012 (attached), and

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18 WHEREAS, the AOA's current position is to support the development of state level
19 Maintenance of Licensure (MOL) programs, as stated in H647-A/10 (attached), and

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21 WHEREAS, the AOA continues to work with FSMB, The American Board of Medical
22 Specialties (ABMS), the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME), NBOME and
23 other stakeholders to establish, implement, and assess Maintenance of Licensure (MOL)
24 principles and requirements as noted in John Crosby letter of 9/5/12 (attached), and

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26 WHEREAS, Maintenance of Licensure is burdensome, time consuming and expensive,
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29 WHEREAS, Maintenance of Licensure requirements could result in serious disruptions
30 of a physician's practice, thus taking away valuable time from the care of patients, and

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32 WHEREAS, Maintenance of Licensure is duplicative of the ongoing educational
33 requirements that osteopathic physicians now must do to retain their AOA membership,
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36 WHEREAS, requirements are already in place by the ongoing educational mandates that
37 osteopathic physicians must now do to renew their medical licenses in most states, and

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39 WHEREAS, there is no proof that Maintenance of Licensure examinations do anything to
40 improve the quality of health care more so than the current existing various government
41 and AOA requirements, and

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43 WHEREAS, no other American professional who serves the public, such as lawyer,
44 accountant, engineer, pharmacist, PhDs, etc. are subject to similar onerous and
45 overreaching requirements to practice their profession, and

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47 WHEREAS, the American Osteopathic Association is an organization that was created to

48 represent its members; now, therefore be it

49 RESOLVED, that the American Osteopathic Association discontinue its support
50 of Maintenance of Licensure (MOL); and be it further

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52 RESOLVED, that the American Osteopathic Association actively oppose Maintenance of
53 Licensure (MOL); and be it further

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55 RESOLVED, that the American Osteopathic Association acknowledges and affirms the
56 professionalism of its individual physicians to work under the rules set forth by their state
57 medical board in order to fulfill the requirements of ongoing CME and maintaining a
58 current medical license.