

RESOLUTION 2 - 05A

Title: United States Medical Licensing Exam-Clinical Skills

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Referred to: Reference Committee E

House Action: Adopted

Whereas, the United States Medical Licensing Exam, Step 2, Clinical Skills, was expanded by the National Board of Medical Examiners in June 2004 from two components (integrated clinical encounters and communication and interpersonal skills) to three components (integrated clinical encounters, communication and interpersonal skills, and spoken English proficiency test), and

Whereas, the United States Medical Licensing Exam, Step 2, Clinical Skills, is required for both International Medical Graduates and Liaison Committee Medical Education graduates, and

Whereas, communication and interpersonal skills adequately tests spoken English proficiency, and

Whereas, failure of any component, including spoken English proficiency, leads to failure of the whole examination, and

Whereas, the exam is only given in five centers in the United States, making it inconvenient, time-consuming, and sometimes requiring travel of thousands of miles, and

Whereas, the exam is very expensive, costing thousands of dollars, and

Whereas, it is hard for International Medical Graduates to get Visas to retake the exam, and

Whereas, the exam affects access to care for patients by decreasing the number of available physicians; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to ask the National Board of Medical Examiners to remove the spoken English proficiency test from the United States Medical Licensing Exam.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE