

RESOLUTION 17- 05A

Title: Scope of Practice and the Board of Medicine

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Referred to: Reference Committee B

House Action:

Whereas, in several states the Board of Optometry has passed legislation to allow the Board of Optometry to fully determine their scope of practice outside of the Board of Medicine approval, and

Whereas, the training requirements for surgical scope are also determined by the Board of Medicine and a legislative committee, and

Whereas, this circumvents the present training standards for surgical practice and violates the standard of care in the community for surgery, and

Whereas, the Board of Medicine is an appointed Board with broad representation from the community and has been known to best serve the general public interest; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS seek legislation to enforce the Board of Medicine's power to review scope of practice within our community, putting into law that no board of a specialty medical area should have the right to independent determination of their scope in that these boards are not publicly appointed or publicly accountable.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE