

RESOLUTION 58 - 05A

Title: American Medical Association Membership for Life
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Referred to: Reference Committee C
House Action: Disapproved

Whereas, the American Medical Association (AMA) percentage of membership in the United States is at an historical low, and

Whereas, the impact of the AMA at the national level in Congress and with the Administration is diminished by this low membership level, and

Whereas, all physicians benefit regardless of membership in the AMA's successful efforts with legislation and regulation effecting health care delivery; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to develop a membership program that offers participation in the AMA from entry into medical school through retirement from medical practice; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to consider aligning benefits of membership with the amount of dues paid in varying times of a physician's career including medical school and residency; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to extend membership in the AMA to every medical student in the United States upon medical school admittance without payment of any dues.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: MSMS receives \$5,595 in medical student dues based on current 1,119 medical students, or \$5 per student from the universal \$88 four-year-dues package to AMA, state, and county. County societies receive \$15 and AMA receives \$68. AMA gives each student a Stedman's and a subscription to JAMA.