

RESOLUTION 51-13

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3 **Title: Reduce Length of Undergraduate Studies to Reduce Costs**  
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9 **Referred to: Reference Committee E**  
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11 **House Action: Disapproved**  
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14 **Whereas, a physician shortage is predicted in the United States in the**  
15 **near future with a shortage of 91,500 physicians by 2020, and**  
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17 **Whereas, the road to completion of medical school education is long and**  
18 **expensive, and**  
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20 **Whereas, the average debt of a graduating medical student is \$150,000 to**  
21 **\$300,000, and**  
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23 **Whereas, many medical schools outside of the U.S. do not require four**  
24 **years of undergraduate education prior to entering medical school, and**  
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26 **Whereas, the AMA is considering accelerating change in medical**  
27 **education under its strategic plan; therefore be it**  
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29 **RESOLVED: That our AMA work with appropriate agencies such as the**  
30 **Association of American Medical Colleges and the Liaison Committee on**  
31 **Medical Education to reduce the number of years of undergraduate college**  
32 **required before entering medical schools.**  
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35 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**