

**RESOLUTION 3-07A**

**Title:** Create State Sponsored Residency Positions

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**Referred to:** Reference Committee E

**House Action:** Substitute Resolution (in lieu of Resolutions 3-07A and 73-07A) Adopted

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**Whereas, the Institute of Medicine (IOM) has predicted that there is going to be a state shortage of physicians in the near future, thereby affecting available health care to the population of Michigan, and**

**Whereas, 38 percent of current licensed physicians in Michigan would be retiring in the next 10 years leading to a shortage of physicians according to various recent studies, and**

**Whereas, with the current residency slots, there is still going to be a 6,000 physician shortage in the state of Michigan itself by 2020, according to an MSMS study and the shortage is already being felt by many communities in Michigan, and**

**Whereas, it is expensive and time consuming to provide medical education, with the approximate time frame to finish medical school training being somewhere between eight and 10 years, and**

**Whereas, there are many well-qualified medical graduates currently waiting to get into a residency-training program in the state of Michigan; therefore be it**

**RESOLVED: That MSMS urgently address the shortage of physicians and strongly initiate action to increase the residency positions in current residency programs and help and encourage starting new residency programs at appropriate larger community hospitals in Michigan; and be it further**

**RESOLVED: That MSMS ask the state of Michigan to create state**

**sponsored, approved residency and fellowship positions that would require a written commitment from the physician that after completing training, he/she will provide service to the state for a specified period of time.**

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**WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**