

RESOLUTION 54-07A

Title: Diversity and Equality of Opportunity in Admissions to Michigan's Medical Colleges

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Referred to: Reference Committee E

House Action: Adopted

Whereas, establishing and maintaining an equality of opportunity for those interested in serving society through the practice of medicine promotes diversity in experience and background of our physicians, and

Whereas, individuals of low socioeconomic status are underrepresented in Michigan's public universities and medical colleges, and

Whereas, the State Constitution of Michigan now prohibits preferential treatment to any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in the operation of public education, and

Whereas, the State Constitution of Michigan does not prohibit preferential treatment to any individual or group on the basis of socioeconomic status in the operation of public education, and

Whereas, consideration of socioeconomic status in admissions to Michigan's medical colleges facilitates equality of opportunity and promotes diversity; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS support and encourage Michigan's medical colleges in considering the socioeconomic status of applicants when evaluating and deciding admissions to academic programs.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE