

RESOLUTION 73-08A

Title: Submit the Michigan Patient Compensation Act to the AMA
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Whereas, after a 30-year effort, only a small minority of states have achieved significant “tort reform,” and

Whereas, even with “tort reform,” most of the money paid in malpractice premiums by physicians goes to the legal process, not injured patients, and

Whereas, even with “tort reform,” the tort process significantly discourages voluntary error reporting by physicians, and

Whereas, physicians must be strong advocates for patient safety and must encourage alternative methods to the tort system for resolving physician/patient conflict; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA submit the Michigan Patient Compensation Act to the AMA as model alternative legislation for those states where “tort reform” has proven inadequate, failed, or not been achieved.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE