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3 **Title: Rationalize Visa and Licensure Process for International**
4 **Medical Graduate Residents**
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7 **Graduates Section**
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11 **Referred to: Reference Committee E**
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13 **House Action: Adopted as Amended**
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16 **Whereas, the process of procuring an H1 Visa for three years**
17 **verses one year is not standardized, and**
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19 **Whereas, the determination whether an incoming International Medical**
20 **Graduate resident receives a one year, two year, or three year H1 Visa**
21 **depends primarily on the officer handling the visa application, and**
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23 **Whereas, the shortest residency program that an International Medical**
24 **Graduate resident would qualify for would be three years, and**
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26 **Whereas, a visa could be terminated should the resident not be able to**
27 **complete his/her residency program, and**
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29 **Whereas, the second and third year visa applications are determined by**
30 **the availability of a license from the state of Michigan, and**
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32 **Whereas, a resident can only apply for licensure for the following year**
33 **in June and July of the year as he/she completes each residency program**
34 **year; therefore be it**
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36 **RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to**
37 **work to ensure the granting of J1 and H1 Visas for the length of the residency**
38 **program.**
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41 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**