

**RESOLUTION 94-10A**

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3 **Title: Monitoring Internet Libel of Physicians**  
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9 **Referred to: Reference Committee A**  
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11 **House Action: Adopted as Amended**

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14 **Whereas, the websites "rating" physicians are increasing in number and**  
15 **popularity, and**

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17 **Whereas, anyone can post an opinion on such a website that will**  
18 **generally reside ad infinitum, unmonitored, without being required to be based**  
19 **in fact, and**

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21 **Whereas, some postings done with malice frequently fall under**  
22 **defamation of character or even libel; therefore be it**

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24 **RESOLVED: That MSMS provide education to physicians on how to**  
25 **monitor websites that "rate" physicians; and be it further**

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27 **RESOLVED: That MSMS develop or identify resources for physicians to**  
28 **pursue legal recourse in those situations where libel, defamation of character,**  
29 **or similar injustice has occurred from a posting on a website that "rates"**  
30 **physicians.**

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