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3 **Title: Upgrading Requirements for Initial Medical Licensure in**
4 **Michigan**

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7 **Delegation**

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11 **Referred to: Reference Committee E**

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13 **House Action:**
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16 **Whereas, the public health of the citizens of the state of Michigan and the**
17 **quality of patient care available to them depends on the quality and training of**
18 **physicians licensed to practice in Michigan, and**

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20 **Whereas, the only present requirement for granting of a new, unrestricted**
21 **license to practice medicine in Michigan is graduation from medical school and**
22 **two years of post-graduate training, and**

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24 **Whereas this level of requirement has become outdated, having**
25 **originated many years ago at a time when many physicians went into practice**
26 **as ‘general practitioners’, there were limited post-graduate training**
27 **opportunities and few medical specialists, and**

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29 **Whereas this model of medical practice has for many reasons been**
30 **replaced by more modern residency-trained practice, for example, yesterday’s**
31 **general practitioners are today’s fully trained Family Medicine practitioners,**
32 **Pediatricians and General Internists, and**

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34 **Whereas it is now the public’s expectation for physicians to have**
35 **completed residency training in a chosen field, and**

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37 **Whereas two states, South Dakota and Montana, have already upgraded**
38 **their licensing practices to require completion of approved residency training;**
39 **therefore be it**

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41 **RESOLVED: That MSMS should endorse the setting of a higher standard**
42 **for the granting of a new license in Michigan that takes into account**
43 **contemporary training and practice patterns by specifying that a physician**
44 **must complete an ACGME or AOA approved residency program as a**
45 **prerequisite for the granting of a new, unrestricted medical license to practice**
46 **medicine in the state of Michigan.**

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