

**Title: Dues Payment and Membership Categories**

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**Referred to: Reference Committee on Constitution and Bylaws**

**House Action:**

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**Whereas, life expectancy and economic conditions have resulted in Life members staying in active practice longer than past generations of physicians, and**

**Whereas, the medical society loses the dues payment for increasing numbers of Life members, and**

**Whereas, retired members are increasing in number and they too will no longer pay dues, and**

**Whereas, the dues revenue for the medical society has decreased as the membership category changes from dues paying to non-dues paying, and**

**Whereas, voluntary payment of membership maintenance fees has resulted in 15% of retired and life members paying the fee; therefore be it**

**RESOLVED: That effective with the 2014 dues year, Life members will be invoiced for full or part time dues based upon their work status and moved to active membership if they pay dues; and be it further**

**RESOLVED: That retired members will be invoiced for a membership maintenance fee, as may be set by the Society, to cover the expense of publications and other Society expenditures; and be it further**

**RESOLVED: That life or retired members who do not choose to pay dues or the membership maintenance fee will be transferred to a newly established membership category, Emeritus Member, and will receive no benefits in the Society, except for specific goods or services that they may purchase.**

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