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3 **Title: Physician Re-entry**  
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9 **Referred to: Reference Committee E**  
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11 **House Action:**  
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14 **Whereas, the American Medical Association (AMA) defines physician re-**  
15 **entry as “a return to clinical practice in the discipline in which one has been**  
16 **trained or certified following an extended period of clinical inactivity not**  
17 **resulting from discipline or impairment,” and**  
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19 **Whereas, there are many reasons why a physician might take a voluntary**  
20 **leave of absence from clinical practice, including family leave, caretaking**  
21 **issues, personal health reasons, or alternate careers such as administration,**  
22 **military service and humanitarian leave, and**  
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24 **Whereas, physicians wishing to return to clinical practice after a period**  
25 **of clinical inactivity may experience difficulties due to the lack of a well-defined**  
26 **re-entry system in the United States, resulting in barriers at a number of levels**  
27 **including inconsistent regulatory guidelines and processes at the state, local**  
28 **and specialty board levels, and**  
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30 **Whereas, physician re-entry has significant and increasing implications**  
31 **for the overall health care workforce due to demographic changes in the**  
32 **population, changes in medicine itself, and the passage of health system**  
33 **reform which are creating increased need for more physicians in certain**  
34 **disciplines and regions, and**  
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36 **Whereas, the AMA has drafted a number of recommendations aimed at**  
37 **easing the various barriers to physician re-entry including a coordinated**  
38 **approach which addresses regulatory policies at the state level; therefore be it**  
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40 **RESOLVED: That the MSMS Board work with our state medical licensing**  
41 **boards to develop physician re-entry policy guidelines that are clear and**  
42 **consistent; and be it further**  
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44 **RESOLVED: That the MSMS Board work with our state medical licensing**  
45 **boards to develop and validate a process for previously board-certified**  
46 **physicians to participate in re-entry training necessary to return to their original**  
47 **scope of clinical practice; and be it further**

48           **RESOLVED: That the MSMS Board work with our state medical licensing**  
49 **boards to develop a "certificate of program completion" that meets the need to**  
50 **document physician readiness for clinical practice.**

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