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3 **Title: Physicians' Responsibility to the Patient**
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15 **Whereas, physicians are dedicated to the well-being of their patients, and**
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17 **Whereas, physicians experience pressure from third party payers,**
18 **hospitals and government agencies to reduce the cost of medical care, and**
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20 **Whereas, physicians are personally penalized for not reducing the cost of**
21 **care as dictated by third party payers, hospitals and government agencies, and**
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23 **Whereas, physicians face conflicts of interest due to the pressure to**
24 **reduce medical expenditures while caring for their patients; therefore be it**
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26 **RESOLVED: That physicians' responsibility to patients under their care**
27 **is paramount; and be it further**
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29 **RESOLVED: That when there is a conflict between a patient's best**
30 **interest and the needs or requirements of third parties, the physician must**
31 **place the well being of his/her patient above the well being of him/herself and**
32 **the financial needs of third parties.**
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35 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**