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3 **Title: Suspend ABIM Maintenance of Certification Program**
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10 **Referred to: Reference Committee E**
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12 **House Action: Disapproved**
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15 **Whereas, the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) has started a**
16 **Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program, and**

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18 **Whereas, this program has not been shown to be substantially beneficial,**
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21 **Whereas, the ABIM is requiring the payment of a large amount of money,**
22 **\$1940 to \$2,560 for 10 years for one specialty and much more for additional**
23 **specialties a physician may be simultaneously holding (e.g., IM, Pulmonary,**
24 **critical care, sleep, etc.) to enroll in the maintenance of certification program,**
25 **and**

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27 **Whereas, non-payment of the fee will result in a posting on the ABIM**
28 **website showing the physician is not certified and does not meet MOC**
29 **requirement,; therefore be it**

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31 **RESOLVED: That the AMA work with the American Board of Internal**
32 **Medicine Maintenance of Certification program to re-evaluate its cost and**
33 **efficacy and put it on hold until there is evidence shown that this program**
34 **ensures quality of physician care.**
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37 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**