

**RESOLUTION 35-15**

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3 Title: Board Certification and Maintenance of Licensure  
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5 Introduced by: Barry Auster, MD, for the Oakland County Delegation  
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9 Referred to: Reference Committee B  
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11 House Action: **APPROVED AS SUBSTITUTED** (see Resolution 73-15 for  
12 substitute language)  
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15 Whereas, Maintenance of Certification (MOC) has become increasingly costly  
16 and burdensome for physicians, and

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18 Whereas, there is little data to support that such examinations ensure  
19 competence, and

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21 Whereas, virtually all third party payers and hospital credentialing committees  
22 are requiring board certification, and

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24 Whereas, in 2010 the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB)  
25 recommended that all state licensing boards adopt requirements similar to those for  
26 MOC, referred to as maintenance of licensure (MOL), and

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28 Whereas, 10 state boards have already begun MOL; therefore be it

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30 **RESOLVED:** That MSMS create a study group to evaluate the potential for  
31 maintenance of licensure in Michigan and to ensure that any resulting  
32 recommendations are well-supported by data and, if adopted, are fair and reasonable  
33 for physicians, both in cost and purpose. The study group's findings should be  
34 updated and reported to MSMS membership annually.  
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37 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE:** None