

RESOLUTION 39-15

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3 Title: Electronic Data Records for Legislators
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9 Referred to: Reference Committee B
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11 House Action: **DISAPPROVED**
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14 Whereas, legislation affecting medicine has become increasingly complex and
15 numerous over the years, and

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17 Whereas, many non-elected organizations such as the Centers for Medicare
18 and Medicaid Services, have created rules that are lawful, and

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20 Whereas, many of these laws and regulations may be created in committees,
21 with little transparency as to creation or commentary, and

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23 Whereas, physicians are required to document their interactions in a medical
24 record and are legally responsible for the review of multiple studies done by others as
25 well as the truthfulness of their own documentation, and

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27 Whereas, legislators and bureaucrats are protected from scrutiny by lack of
28 transparency¹; therefore be it

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30 **RESOLVED:** That MSMS support the concept of an Electronic Legal Record
31 (ELR) for legislators (analogous to the Electronic Health Record) that would have:

- 32 1. An audit trail for legislation, specifying who initiated, confirmed and
33 sustained any parts of the law;
34 2. An audit trail to document that the legislator personally read all parts of the
35 legislation;
36 3. Penalties for legislators who do not read their legislation; and
37 4. Penalties (e.g., lack of payment, withholding of travel perks, etc.) for non-
38 compliance with the ELR.
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41 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE:** None

¹ <https://cha.house.gov/2014-legislative-data-and-transparency-conference>