

**RESOLUTION 48-15**

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3 Title: Oposing the Federation of State Medical Boards Interstate Medical  
4 Licensure Compact  
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6 Introduced by: Domenic R. Federico, MD, for the Kent County Delegation  
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10 Referred to: Reference Committee B  
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12 House Action: **APPROVED AS AMENDED**  
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15 Whereas, the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) Interstate Medical  
16 Licensure Compact will supersede a state’s autonomy and control over the practice of  
17 medicine, and

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19 Whereas, the FSMB Interstate Medical Licensure Compact will create the Interstate  
20 Commission, another organization exercising regulatory authority over physicians and the  
21 practice of medicine, and

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23 Whereas, this additional layer of bureaucracy will escalate the cost of medical  
24 licensure, as participating states will be forced to pay dues to this new organization, and

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26 Whereas, it will be difficult and expensive for a state to extricate itself from the  
27 Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, and

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29 Whereas, the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact’s definition of a physician is at  
30 variance with the Michigan Public Health Code, instead defining a physician as a person who  
31 “holds specialty certification or a time-unlimited specialty certificate recognized by the  
32 American Board of Medical Specialties, or the American Osteopathic Association's Bureau of  
33 Osteopathic Specialists”, and

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35 Whereas, under this new definition of “physician,” those physicians who do not  
36 participate in Maintenance of Certification will not be eligible for licensure, and

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38 Whereas, current MSMS policy opposes requirement of board certification or  
39 maintenance of certification for medical licensure, insurance participation and hospital  
40 privileges, and

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42 Whereas, there are other ways of providing for telemedicine and expedited physician  
43 licensure; therefore be it

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45 **RESOLVED:** That MSMS oppose participation with the Federation of State Medical  
46 Boards’ Interstate Medical Licensure Compact; and be it further

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48 **RESOLVED:** That the American Medical Association oppose the Federation of State  
49 Medical Boards’ Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.  
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52 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE:** None