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Title: Maintenance of Certification and Hospital Bylaws
Introduced by: Domenic Federico, MD, for the Kent County Delegation
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Referred to: Reference Committee B
House Action: **APPROVE**

Whereas, board certification is a vigorous and arduous process, and

Whereas, board certification has been long accepted as a measure of tested expertise,
and

Whereas, continuing medical education has been required to insure continuing
expertise, and

Whereas, recently a new concept, Maintenance of Certification (MOC), has been
introduced, and

Whereas, there are no evidence-based studies that the newly required MOC enhances
physician performance or patient care, and

Whereas, the MOC process is expensive and disruptive in physicians’ lives and practices,
and

Whereas, the MOC process decreases a physician’s time available for patient care, and

Whereas, some hospitals are now requiring MOC for privileging, and

Whereas, there have been numerous resolutions attempting to point out the problems
of MOC, and

Whereas, despite these resolutions, MOC abuses persist; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA)
ask our AMA to amend exiting AMA policy, Maintenance of Certification H-275.924, to clarify that
the AMA opposes hospital bylaws that require maintenance of certification participation as a
requirement for hospital privileges.

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