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Title: Inter-Regional Membership for Non-Staffed Counties
Introduced by: Domenic Federico, MD, for the Kent County Delegation
Original Author: Jayne Courts, MD
Referred to: Reference Committee C
House Action: **AMEND – 1st READING**

Whereas, many counties in the state cannot sustain a component society office staff, and

Whereas, physicians who practice in unstaffed counties deserve to have some benefit from their membership, no matter the local dues cost, and

Whereas, MSMS benefits from having physicians aware and active in their local communities, and

Whereas, organized medicine benefits from the perspectives of all practicing physician members; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS supports the premise that organized medicine benefits from the perspectives of all practicing physician members; and be it further

RESOLVED: That MSMS encourage and allow physician members of non-staffed component medical societies to join a nearby county medical society.

This amendment would necessitate a change to the MSMS Bylaws, Section 4.20. Deletions are indicated by ~~striketrough~~.

4.20 ADJOINING COUNTY—A doctor of medicine whose principal location of practice is near a county ~~line~~ may, with the permission of the Board of Directors of this society, and upon being duly elected thereto, hold membership in the component society most convenient for the member to attend.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE