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Title: Surgery for Surgeons

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Referred to: Reference Committee B

House Action: **AMEND**

Whereas, the performance of surgery of any type on patients is a distinct privilege and honor, and

Whereas, the performance of surgery on the eye or other part of the body requires a period of training between four and six years after medical school, and

Whereas, after training, the candidate surgeon is required to take oral and written Board exams before facing the public as a competent Board Certified Surgeon, and

Whereas, optometrists in certain states, have acquired privileges for laser and certain types of incisional surgery, without participating in an Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) approved residency, and

Whereas, the ultimate goal of organized optometry is to perform cataract and all forms of incisional surgery on the eye and adnexae with training programs within their schools of optometry, and

Whereas, organized optometry plans to establish their own association to approve surgical programs, practice and curricula in their schools of optometry, and

Whereas, organized optometry plans to establish their own Board of Medical Optometric Examiners to credential their graduates; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS oppose any program that permits ocular surgery on patients by a clinician who has not completed an Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) approved residency program; and be it further

RESOLVED: That MSMS actively work with legislators to oppose the creation of alternative boards of surgery by organizations representing and credentialing non-physician providers to perform ocular surgery.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE