



International Medical Graduates Section

Summary of Actions

2007 Interim Meeting Honolulu, Hawaii

1. Resolution 3 – Unfair Licensing Requirements for Qualified IMGs

Resolution 3 was submitted by Dr. Pinki Prasad, an IMG Section member from the state of Tennessee.

Resolution 3 asked:

That our AMA work aggressively to pursue legislative remedies to make unfair medical licensing requirements by states obsolete; (Directive to Take Action) and

That our AMA work with the Federation of State Medical Boards to enact new rules and regulations such that an international candidate who is board certified is not judged by the location of their medical school but rather by the training they received in the United States. (Directive to take Action)

IMG Governing Council Action: The IMG Governing Council voted to withdraw this Resolution.

Reference Committee K

2. Resolution 824 – Time Limited License Reciprocity in Times of Disaster

Resolution 824 was submitted by the IMG Section. At the November meeting, the Governing Council voted to change the title from License Reciprocity in Times of Disaster.

Resolution 824 asked:

That our American Medical Association support time limited interstate license reciprocity in times of disaster so that volunteer physicians can be quickly mobilized to disaster areas where state or federal emergency management agencies determine a need; (Directive to Take Action) and

That our American Medical Association lobby members of Congress for policies related to time limited interstate license reciprocity to aid disaster victims during times of disaster where state or federal emergency management agencies determine a need. (Directive to Take Action)

In keeping with the Reference Committee K consent calendar for acceptance, there were no extractions and no testimony. Since the consent calendar recommended referral, Resolution 824 was therefore referred.

HOD ACTION: Referred for study.

Reference Committee L

3. Resolution 929 – Liability Relief for Physicians Who Volunteer at Free Clinics

Resolution 929 asked:

That our American Medical Association develop state model legislation based on current liability relief laws that exist in Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin for volunteer physicians who serve at free clinics, provide pro bono care and who volunteer in times of disaster (Directive to Take Action) and

That our American Medical Association urge states to adopt legislation based on current liability relief laws that exist in Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin for volunteer physicians who serve at free clinics, provide pro bono care and who volunteer in times of disaster. (Directive to Take Action)

HOD ACTION: Adopted as amended.

RESOLVED, That our AMA urge states to adopt legislation ~~based on current liability relief laws that exist in Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin~~ that provides for liability relief for volunteer physicians who serve at free clinics, ~~provide~~ deliver pro bono care, or ~~who~~ volunteer in times of disaster.