Whereas, One of the duties of AMA Delegates is to advocate for increased AMA membership for physicians across the federation; and

Whereas, Our AMA House of Delegates is comprised of delegates representing state and national medical specialty societies, as well as special sections; and

Whereas, The apportionment of state medical society delegates during the current year is based on an annual census of the number of AMA members who reside in the state as determined by a count on December 31 of the previous year; and

Whereas, In the current system of accounting, physicians who join the AMA during the latter part of a year are incentivized to claim their membership beginning January 1 of the following year, instead of the latter part of year in which they actually joined (which would cost more money); and

Whereas, When new members are counted as AMA members for the matter of AMA delegation apportionments at the beginning of a new year, they are not counted for delegation entitlements until the following year even though they are AMA members all year long; and

Whereas, Many state medical and national medical specialty societies convene their annual and other sessions during the latter part of the year; and

Whereas, Updating the methodology for increasing AMA representation at the HOD might result in more vigorous AMA membership campaigns during the latter part of the year at state medical and national specialty society events; and

Whereas, The AMA Membership Department has indicated it would not be an undue burden to produce a second census of the number, specialty and location of AMA members during the first two weeks of a new year; and

Whereas, To add a second period of time to determine AMA delegation entitlements will require an amendment to the AMA Bylaws; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association continue to provide a count of AMA members for AMA delegation entitlements to the House of Delegates as of December 31 and also provide a second count of AMA members within the first two weeks of the new year and that the higher of the two counts will be used for state and national specialty society delegation entitlements during the current year (Directive to Take Action); and be it further
RESOLVED, That the Council on Constitution and Bylaws prepare appropriate language to add a second period of time to determine AMA delegation entitlements to be considered by the AMA House at its earliest opportunity. (Modify Bylaws)

Fiscal Note: Not yet determined

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