

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution: 921  
(I-19)

Introduced by: Thomas J. Madejski, MD, Delegate

Subject: Vaping in New York State and Nationally

Referred to: Reference Committee K

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Whereas, Recent reports of lung illness associated with the use of vaporization devices have killed or injured multiple people in New York and throughout the nation; and

Whereas, The addiction industry, which includes tobacco, alcohol and now marijuana companies, has been allowed to sell products for human consumption without rigorous study on long term positive and negative effects and patient safety by subverting the FDA approval process; and

Whereas, In the context of a crisis of youth vaping and addiction to nicotine and other substances driven by the addiction industry; and

Whereas, Vaporization delivery device manufacturers such as JUUL have significant ownership by tobacco companies and marijuana companies and plan to expand use of addictive products across all segments of the adult and indirectly the adolescent population despite their protestations to the same; and

Whereas, In the interest of patient safety, and with an abundance of caution, acknowledging incomplete data on the etiology of acute and chronic lung injury associated with vaporization devices and the various substances which can be vaporized, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association cooperate with the Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY) to express our gratitude to New York Governor Andrew Cuomo and Commissioner of the Department of Health Howard Zucker, MD for their prompt action to protect patients by banning the sale of flavored e cigarettes; and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA cooperate with MSSNY to express our gratitude to Governor Cuomo and Health Commissioner Zucker for their advice to consumers to avoid vaporization of medical marijuana available under the New York State medical marijuana program; and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA cooperate with MSSNY to recommend to Governor Cuomo, Commissioner Zucker, and New York State Legislators, and in conjunction with other State Medical Societies other State Executives, Health Commissioners and Legislatures to take further action to protect consumers from exposure to vaporized products with a moratorium on dispensing of vaporized products to new certificate holders for medical marijuana until data on the long term safety of vaporized marijuana is available (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

- 1 RESOLVED, That our AMA cooperate with MSSNY to recommend that state and federal
- 2 representatives work to reschedule marijuana and its' component substances to Schedule II
- 3 controlled substance to reduce barriers to further study on the efficacy and harms of various
- 4 marijuana products. (Directive to Take Action)

Fiscal Note: Minimal - less than \$1,000

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