AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution: 412
(A-24)

Introduced by: Indiana
Subject: Lithium Battery Safety
Referred to: Reference Committee D

Whereas, more pieces of equipment utilize lithium batteries; and
Whereas, lithium batteries have limited useful lifetime use; and
Whereas, disposal and recycling of lithium batteries is not a well-established system; and
Whereas, improper storage of lithium batteries can lead to fires; and
Whereas, putting out lithium battery fires can be difficult and requires robust resources; and
Whereas, rural communities' fire department coverage resources can be less robust and less able to handle lithium battery fires; and
Whereas, local agencies often are not aware of lithium battery storage in their area; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association seek legislation to increase environmental and public safety oversight of lithium batteries and businesses that store and dispose of lithium batteries. (Directive to Take Action)

Fiscal Note: Modest - between $1,000 - $5,000

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