

MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution 22-17

INTRODUCED BY: International Medical Graduate Section

SUBJECT: Assistant Physician Category and Licensure

1 Whereas, Maryland law requires International Medical Graduates (IMGs) to complete 2 years of
2 GME (Graduate Medical Education) training to be eligible for licensure;

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4 Whereas, some IMGs cannot match to a residency program in Maryland or elsewhere;

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6 Whereas, Maryland has underserved areas that need patient care and there is a continuing
7 physician workforce shortage in Maryland;

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9 Whereas, there are IMGs who want to provide patient care in underserved areas, and could help
10 alleviate access problems in those underserved areas;

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12 Whereas Missouri has passed a law allowing US residents who graduated from an international
13 medical school within the last three years and who have passed the first two rounds of medical
14 licensing exams within the last two years to practice;

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16 Whereas legislation that would license IMGs in this same manner in Maryland as “Assistant
17 Physicians” would benefit both the IMGs and the underserved parts of the State;

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19 Whereas these individuals would be licensed to provide primary care services for patients in
20 underserved or rural areas without completing postgraduate residency training and with limited
21 physician supervision; therefore let it be

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23 Resolved, that MedChi pursue licensure for “Assistant Physicians” in Maryland and pursue
24 similar legislation to the law passed in Missouri.

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28 At its meeting on September 23, 2017, the House of Delegates referred Resolution 22-17 to the
29 Board of Trustees.