

MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution 17-20

INTRODUCED BY: Public Health Committee

SUBJECT: Protecting Maryland's Agriculture and Seafood Workers

1 Whereas, the agriculture and seafood industries employ a significant number of people in
2 Maryland; and

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4 Whereas, agriculture and seafood industry workers are essential to Maryland's economy and
5 food supply chain; and

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7 Whereas, the working conditions of agriculture and seafood workers create a vulnerability to
8 community outbreaks of SARS-CoV-2; and

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10 Whereas, many of these workers are exempt from certain labor laws; and

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12 Whereas, many of these workers lack access to health and economic resources; therefore be it

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14 Resolved, that MedChi urge the Governor of Maryland, to the extent possible, to ensure that
15 agriculture and seafood workers have access to the same safe working conditions, SARS-CoV-2
16 testing, and economic relief and benefits consistent with other essential workers.

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19 Fiscal Note: No significant fiscal impact.
