

MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution 15-18

INTRODUCED BY: Montgomery County Medical Society
MedChi Public Health Committee
Medical Student Section

SUBJECT: Development of MedChi Task Force Related to Gun Violence Prevention

Whereas, increasing gun violence in the United States is a public health crisis; and

Whereas, following the most recent mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, the Florida Legislature swiftly adopted a package of legislation intended to reduce gun violence in Florida; and

Whereas, Maryland has gun laws which may need to be strengthened; and

Whereas, physicians play a key role in promoting policies and legislation regarding violence prevention, and in public affairs and physician and patient education regarding gun safety; and

Whereas, MedChi is the premier voice of physicians and patients in Maryland; and has existing policy related to gun violence prevention (HOD: 21-08; 2-14; 51-98; Sept. 1988; and Council, 9/14/89); therefore be it

Resolved, that MedChi form an interdisciplinary task force to address prevention of gun violence in Maryland, including a review of current AMA policy and current Maryland legislation, to determine whether additional state legislation, public affairs campaigns, and/or physician and patient education are needed; and be it further

Resolved, that the MedChi task force on gun violence prevention report back to the MedChi House of Delegates at its September, 2018 meeting on its findings and recommendations related to AMA policy which should be considered as MedChi policy, current and proposed state legislation, public affairs campaigns, and/or physician and patient education.

As adopted by the House of Delegates at its meeting on April 29, 2018.