

MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY  
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution 13-14

INTRODUCED BY: Public Health Committee

SUBJECT: Health Impact Assessment Study

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1 Whereas, Health Impact Assessments(HIAs) are data driven analyses that predict and estimate the risks and benefits  
2 of proposed laws, regulations, programs and projects to public health; and  
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4 Whereas, HIAs directly impact decision-making and help achieve public policy that promotes public health; and  
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6 Whereas, HIAs offer practical recommendations to policymakers on how to minimize risks and capitalize on  
7 opportunities to promote health; and  
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9 Whereas, in Maryland there are no uniform requirements to conduct an HIA or how that HIA must be conducted  
10 before beginning a project or program or enacting a new statute or regulation; therefore be it  
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12 Resolved, that MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, urge the Maryland Department of the Environment to  
13 include an evaluation of the adoption of Health Impact Assessment requirements as a component of its Cumulative  
14 Impact Assessment Workgroup agenda.  
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17 As adopted amended and adopted by the House of Delegates at its meeting on September 27, 2014.