

MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY  
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution 3-14

INTRODUCED BY: Queen Anne's County Medical Society

SUBJECT: Tort Reform and Candidate Support

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1 Whereas, this year, on the tort reform agenda, there were a number of bills dealing with the cap on  
2 noneconomic damages, including a trial lawyer initiative, Senate Bill 789/House Bill 1009 (Civil Actions  
3 – Noneconomic Damages – Catastrophic Injury); and  
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5 Whereas, these bills would have tripled (3x) the current cap (\$745,000) on noneconomic damages in cases  
6 of “catastrophic injury,” which, as defined in the legislation, would include almost every malpractice case  
7 presently filed in Maryland; and  
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9 Whereas, due to great work by MedChi’s legislative team, neither bill was voted on by either the Senate  
10 Judicial Proceedings Committee or the House Judiciary Committee at the time this resolution was written;  
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13 Whereas, while a practical matter, this means that the trial lawyer’s attempt to change the current cap on  
14 noneconomic damages has failed for this year, they will be back; therefore be it  
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16 Resolved, that MedChi continue strong opposition to attempts to weaken tort reform protections as a  
17 general policy.  
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20 As amended and adopted by the House of Delegates at its meeting on April 26, 2014.