

MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY  
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution 2-15

INTRODUCED BY: IMG Section

SUBJECT: Parity for International Medical Graduates with U.S. Medical Graduates  
in Years of GME Requirement for Licensure

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1 Whereas, our state license board in Maryland requires IMGs (International Medical Graduates) to  
2 complete 2 years of GME (Graduate Medical Education) training to be eligible for licensure while  
3 requiring only 1 year of GME training for USMGs (LCME accredited US Medical School Graduates);  
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6 Whereas, before being admitted into GME training, IMGs must complete a rigorous credentialing and  
7 testing process by the ECFMG (Educational Council for Foreign Medical Graduates); and

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9 Whereas, the qualifying examinations used by the ECFMG for testing IMGs assess basic science and  
10 clinical knowledge, problem solving and clinical encounter skills and match or exceed the standards used  
11 for USMGs; and

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13 Whereas, IMGs undergo the same GME training as USMGs at the same ACGME accredited training  
14 programs; satisfying all the same educational and performance standards; and

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16 Whereas, the performance of the public assurance and protection goals and duties of our State License  
17 Board *in Maryland* are therefore adequately satisfied without imposing additional requirements on IMGs  
18 more than those required for USMGs; and

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20 Whereas, the imposition of additional GME training requirement for IMGs poses gratuitous hardship on  
21 IMGs in planning and starting a career after GME training, such as waiting one whole academic year;  
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24 Whereas, this unnecessary delay does not serve our patient population well and exacerbates patient access  
25 problems in the continuing physician workforce shortage in our country; therefore be it

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27 Resolved, that MedChi adopt a policy supporting parity in the number of years of GME training required  
28 for IMGs and USMGs to obtain state medical licensure; and be it further

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30 Resolved, that MedChi pursue parity in the number of years of GME training requirement for IMGs and  
31 USMGs for licensure, and report back the progress in two years.

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34 As amended and approved by the House of Delegates at its meeting on April 25, 2015.