

MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY  
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution 6-16

INTRODUCED BY: Baltimore County Medical Association

SUBJECT: Empowering Specialty Societies in the MedChi House of Delegates

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1 Whereas, under the current MedChi Bylaws Article 5.50 (c), MedChi seats in the House of  
2 Delegates (HOD) "...one delegate (who is an active Med Chi member) from each MedChi  
3 approved specialty society with a membership of at least 50 whose membership includes 50 % of  
4 members who are also members of MedChi, or any such society whose membership includes more  
5 than 100 MedChi members" and

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7 Whereas, the MedChi HOD is where MedChi policy and legislative initiatives are usually initiated  
8 and adopted; and

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10 Whereas, MedChi has been very effective in advocating for physicians with the legislature, the  
11 administration and the regulatory agencies; and

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13 Whereas, it is in the interest of MedChi to incorporate specialty societies in the HOD debates and  
14 for the specialty societies to be better informed about the important role MedChi plays in the  
15 practice of medicine in Maryland; and

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17 Whereas, under MedChi Bylaws Article 5.40 on Resolutions: "No resolutions shall be accepted by  
18 the chief executive officer which is not sponsored by five members, a component society, a  
19 section, a council or a committee of MedChi" but not including a specialty society; therefore be it

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21 Resolved, that the MedChi House of Delegates request the MedChi Bylaws Committee to draft an  
22 amendment to grant "approved" specialty societies, under MedChi Bylaws 5.50, the ability to  
23 submit a resolution to the House of Delegates.

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26 As adopted by the House of Delegates at its meeting on April 17, 2016.