MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution 13-14

INTRODUCED BY: Public Health Committee

SUBJECT: Health Impact Assessment Study

Whereas, Health Impact Assessments (HIAs) are data driven analyses that predict and estimate the risks and benefits of proposed laws, regulations, programs and projects to public health; and

Whereas, HIAs directly impact decision-making and help achieve public policy that promotes public health; and

Whereas, HIAs offer practical recommendations to policymakers on how to minimize risks and capitalize on opportunities to promote health; and

Whereas, in Maryland there are no uniform requirements to conduct an HIA or how that HIA must be conducted before beginning a project or program or enacting a new statute or regulation; therefore be it

Resolved, that MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, urge the Maryland Department of the Environment to include an evaluation of the adoption of Health Impact Assessment requirements as a component of its Cumulative Impact Assessment Workgroup agenda.

As adopted amended and adopted by the House of Delegates at its meeting on September 27, 2014.