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

Whereas, our state license board in Maryland requires IMGs (International Medical Graduates) to complete 2 years of GME (Graduate Medical Education) training to be eligible for licensure while requiring only 1 year of GME training for USMGs (LCME accredited US Medical School Graduates); and

Whereas, before being admitted into GME training, IMGs must complete a rigorous credentialing and testing process by the ECFMG (Educational Council for Foreign Medical Graduates); and

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

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

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

Whereas, the imposition of additional GME training requirement for IMGs poses gratuitous hardship on IMGs in planning and starting a career after GME training, such as waiting one whole academic year; and

Whereas, this unnecessary delay does not serve our patient population well and exacerbates patient access problems in the continuing physician workforce shortage in our country; therefore be it

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

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

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