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MEDICAL SOCIETY OF VIRGINIA HOUSE OF DELEGATES
Report of Reference Committee 1

Dr. Michael Menen, Chair

The Reference Committee recommends the following consent calendar for acceptance:

1) 17-101 Budget
2) 17-102 Ten Year Review Resolution
3) 17-103 Policy Compendium Update Resolution
4) 17-104 Virginia Healthcare Entity
5) 17-105 Truth in Advertising
6) 17-106 Obesity Medicare and Insurance Coverage
7) 17-107 MOC Fees
8) 17-109 Healthcare Human Right
9) 17-110 Medical Student Clerkship
10) 17-111 Good Samaritan Team Physicians
11) 17-112 Human Trafficking

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RECOMMENDED FOR REFERRAL TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RECOMMENDED FOR NOT ADOPTION
17-104 Virginia Healthcare Entity
17-105 Truth in Advertising
1) **17-101 BUDGET**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 17-101 be ADOPTED.

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee heard testimony in support of the budget from the Medical Student Section and was also supported by the Board of Directors.

2) **17-102 TEN YEAR REVIEW RESOLUTION**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 17-102 be ADOPTED with policy 435.012, Statute of Limitations, be REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR ACTION.

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee heard testimony in favor of this resolution. After review of policy 435.012 with General Counsel, additional review and possible updates to the policy may be necessary. In order to ensure accuracy, your Reference Committee recommends General Counsel have time to thoroughly review and provide a recommendation to the MSV Board of Directors.

3) **17-103 POLICY COMPENDIUM UPDATE RESOLUTION**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 17-103 be ADOPTED.

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee heard testimony in favor of this resolution and the principles of consolidating the Policy Compendium to ensure consistency of the Society's positions. Your Reference Committee heard testimony that there were minor grammatical and typographical corrections needed and acknowledges that the Speakers will ensure these are corrected once incorporated in the Policy Compendium.

4) **17-104 VIRGINIA HEALTHCARE ENTITY**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 17-104 be NOT ADOPTED.

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee heard testimony in opposition to this resolution as it is beyond the scope of the Society's work.

5) **17-105 TRUTH IN ADVERTISING**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 17-105 be NOT ADOPTED.

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee heard testimony in support of the spirit and principles of the resolution. However, your Reference Committee also heard testimony expressing concerns regarding which body would have the authority to determine the legitimacy and quality of boards. Additionally, your Reference Committee heard testimony that Virginia regulations currently exist which govern the practice of medicine in the Commonwealth and how existing entities determine if a physician is qualified to practice medicine.
6)  17-106 OBESITY MEDICARE AND INSURANCE COVERAGE

RECOMMENDATION:

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 17-106 be ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

RESOLVED, that the Richmond Academy of Medicine and the Medical Society of Virginia through its delegation to the American Medical Association support coverage for healthcare costs associated with medical, surgical, nutritional, and behavioral treatment interventions for patients diagnosed with obesity.

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee heard testimony in support of the resolution to help reduce the obesity epidemic and promote insurance coverage for evidence-based interventions that will aid in these efforts.

7)  17-107 MOC FEES

RECOMMENDATION: Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 17-107 be ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY SUBSTITUTION.

RESOLVED, the Medical Society of Virginia through its delegation to the American Medical Association support efforts to ensure financial transparency and a fair fee structure in the MOC fee schedule and to support efforts to reduce MOC fees including a reduction in fees for those who complete requirements through alternative but approved pathways.

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee heard testimony expressing the concerns over the fiscal responsibility of certification bodies, transparency of fees, and the desire that fees be reduced whenever possible.

8)  17-109 HEALTHCARE HUMAN RIGHT

RECOMMENDATION:

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 17-109 be ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of Virginia join with the many professional societies that recognizes that health care is a basic human right for every person and not a privilege.

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee heard testimony discussing the difference between health and health care, the limits of a physician’s ability to impact a person’s health, and the dichotomy of a right versus a privilege. Further, your Reference Committee heard information on numerous national organizations’ positions on this issue. Your Reference Committee also heard significant discussion about the responsibility to provide health care if it is in fact a basic human right afforded to all people.
9) 17-110 MEDICAL STUDENT CLERKSHIP

RECOMMENDATION:

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 17-110 be ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY SUBSTITUTION.

RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of Virginia support tax credits for uncompensated community-based physicians providing direct supervision during educational clerkships to medical students, physician assistant students, and nurse practitioner students matriculating in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee heard testimony that tax credits should be extended to all physicians providing community based medical education and education for advance practice providers. Your Reference Committee heard testimony about the financial cost to physicians as a result of providing medical education.

10) 17-111 GOOD SAMARITAN TEAM PHYSICIANS

RECOMMENDATION:

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 17-11 be ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

RESOLVED, the Medical Society of Virginia will support including in the Code of Virginia liability protection for simple negligence providing both emergent and non-emergent health care by volunteer team physicians in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee heard testimony in support of this resolution and extending liability protections to physicians volunteering at athletic events. Your Reference Committee discussed and amended the resolved clause with MSV’s General Counsel.

11) 17-112 HUMAN TRAFFICKING

RECOMMENDATION:

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 17-12 be ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

RESOLVED, that MSV develop a policy to assist physicians in the Commonwealth to identify these individuals victims of human trafficking and provide guidelines that allow physicians to report their concerns to the appropriate governmental agencies with anonymity.

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee heard testimony in support of this resolution and expanding resources for physicians to assist their patients. Your Reference Committee amended the resolved clause to ensure clarity in the Policy Compendium.
Mr. Speaker, this concludes the report of Reference Committee 1. Your Reference Committee wishes to thank all whom offered testimony and contributed in its deliberations.

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