

**AMERICAN MEDICAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
HOUSE OF DELEGATES 2017
RESOLUTION: A18**

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SUBJECT: Principles regarding minority representation and affirmative action

TYPE: Resolution of Principles

WHEREAS in reference to minority students, only racial minorities are highlighted; and,

WHEREAS other minorities should be included in the affirmative action process, such as sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the principles regarding minority representation and affirmative action (p.21) be AMENDED to state:

The American Medical Student Association:

1. SUPPORTS the increased representation of racial, **gender, and sexual** minority students in medical schools, not only as a result of concern for social equity, but also because such representation leads to positive and necessary changes in the attitudes of students, faculty and administrators, and hence to positive improvements in the health of society and in the health-care delivery systems;

FISCAL NOTE: None

REPORT OF REFERENCE COMMITTEE A

DISCUSSION

BOT: Adopt as amended

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administrators, and hence to positive improvements in the health of society and in the health-care delivery systems;

BRD: N/A

PRD: Recommend to adopt as written

IRD: recommends to adopt as written

ACTE: amend as follows

- supports the increased representation of all minorities in medical schools including but not limited to students in racial gender and sexual minorities.

Premedical Caucus: N/A

Other Groups: Voted to NA

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:

PROS: The overall purpose of the resolution is to support inclusivity.

CONS: Further clarification is necessary for certain minority members could be excluded.

REFERENCE COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

ACTE wanted to insure that the resolution is more inclusive of a statement. They wanted to add more interpretation of what a minority could be, and to make sure that the wording is not limited.

1 of 4 would reject the resolution due to a lack of clarification of the word “minority” for it could be abused based on context and relevance of time.

REFERENCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt as amended

The American Medical Student Association:

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