

**AMERICAN MEDICAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
HOUSE OF DELEGATES 2017
RESOLUTION: B14**

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SUBJECT: Principles Regarding Human Trafficking (HT) and Commercially and Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC)

TYPE: Resolution of Principles

WHEREAS survivors of human trafficking endure an unspeakable amount of pain and trauma;
and

WHEREAS sometimes, traffickers even force their victims to commit crimes as a way to further
victimize them

WHEREAS often, they are arrested for crimes they were forced to commit by their traffickers;
and

WHEREAS even after they are able to leave their trafficking situations, these criminal records
haunt them for the rest of their lives; and

WHEREAS convictions, and even an arrest record, can limit access to opportunities such as jobs,
loans, education, housing, or visas; and

WHEREAS victims of human trafficking are victims - not criminals; and

WHEREAS particularly when non-violent crimes are the issue, they should receive protection
and support, not punishment and stigma,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Principles on Human Trafficking (HT) and
Commercially and Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) (pp 161-162) be AMENDED BY
ADDITION state:

The American Medical Student Association:

2. In regard to legislation:

d. **ENCOURAGES** legislation in which victims of human trafficking can request the court
vacate their federal criminal convictions and expunge their arrests for non-violent crimes
committed as

a “direct result of the person having been a victim of trafficking.”

FISCAL NOTE: None