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And Neck Surgery, Inc.
Aerospace Medical Association

Subject: Energy Efficiency and Medical Practice

Referred to: Reference Committee D
(Calvin C. Sia, MD, Chair)

- 1 Whereas, The AMA is the recognized leader in American medicine; and
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3 Whereas, air pollution threatens health and can affect many of the body's organs and
4 systems, and prevention of such pollution will protect health; and
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6 Whereas, physicians' offices and medical facilities, including basic and clinical research
7 facilities, generally use great amounts of energy for lighting, office equipment, building
8 heating and cooling, and other purposes, and the creation of such energy causes air
9 pollution; and
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11 Whereas, Using less energy reduces the emissions of air pollutants, such as sulfur
12 dioxide, a respiratory irritant and a component of acid rain; nitrogen oxides, a contributor
13 to smog and a component of acid rain; carbon dioxide, implicated in global climate
14 change; and particulates, a respiratory irritant; therefore be it
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16 RESOLVED, that the American Medical Association urge its individual members and
17 organizational affiliates to participate in energy efficiency activities in all medical
18 facilities including hospitals, clinics, offices and research facilities.

Fiscal Note: No Significant Fiscal Impact