

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution: 609  
(A-04)

Introduced by: Hawaii Delegation  
American Psychiatric Association  
Alaska Delegation  
California Delegation  
American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law  
Kansas Delegation

Subject: AMA 2007 or 2008 Interim Meeting in Hawaii

Referred to: Reference Committee F  
(William C. Sternfeld, MD, Chair)

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- 1 Whereas, Increasing numbers of non-physicians are inappropriately seeking to gain expanded  
2 scopes of practice by legislation rather than education; and  
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4 Whereas, At the American Medical Association 2003 Interim Meeting in Hawaii, a Scope of  
5 Practice Panel was convened including the Chair of the Hawaii Senate Education Committee as  
6 well as the Hawaii House Minority Leader; and  
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8 Whereas, Because of the insights provided by the panel, delegates came away with a much  
9 better understanding of what is helpful and what is not, when meeting with legislators in their  
10 home states across America; and  
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12 Whereas, The next evening, the Hawaii Medical Association and the American Psychiatric  
13 Association brought together the AMA leadership and delegates with nine members of the  
14 Hawaii House of Representatives, four members of the Senate, the Republican Lieutenant  
15 Governor and the Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawaii to discuss our liability reform and  
16 scope of practice concerns; and  
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18 Whereas, After years of fighting crash course psychologists prescribing bills in Committee, since  
19 this meeting of the AMA with Hawaii's political leaders, not a single such measure has yet been  
20 introduced in Hawaii; and  
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22 Whereas, Through the uniqueness of Hawaii's accessible political leaders, its medical and  
23 psychiatric societies; and its remarkable Aloha Spirit, Hawaii was able to spectacularly facilitate  
24 the AMA agenda of advocacy and legislation in the service of the health of America; therefore  
25 be it  
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27 RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association reaffirm its well-established practice of  
28 returning to Hawaii every four to five years for the AMA House of Delegates Interim Meeting,  
29 with its next meeting in Hawaii to be held in the winter of 2007 or 2008.

Fiscal Note: Based on previous Interim Meetings in Hawaii, estimated \$155,000 in additional expenses for printing/production, postage/shipping, and travel.

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