



## TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD

February 6, 2009

To: House of Delegates, Federation of State Medical Boards  
From: Texas Medical Board  
Subject: Resolution Request

The Texas Medical Board respectfully requests consideration and approval of the following resolution by the Federation of State Medical Boards House of Delegates.

Subject: Reporting of Withdrawals of Licensure Applications to the Federation of State Medical Boards  
Introduced by: Texas Medical Board  
Approved: February 2009

**Whereas**, it is not uncommon for a physician to apply for licensure in a state and subsequently withdraw his or her application; and

**Whereas**, the reasons for the withdrawals vary widely, from a simple change of plans to a physician opting to withdraw his or her application in lieu of denial of licensure or further investigation; and

**Whereas**, reporting of withdrawals to the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) varies between member boards, from those member boards who do not report withdrawals at all to those who report certain types of withdrawals to the FSMB; and

**Whereas**, it would be beneficial for member boards to have a consistent and agreed upon baseline reference reporting level for this data so as to be aware of a physicians history of withdrawals in other states prior to making a determination of eligibility for licensure in their states; and

**Whereas**, it is unclear whether or how withdrawals of applications are considered in the FSMBs Annual Summary of Board Actions;

Therefore, be it hereby

**Resolved**, that the Texas Medical Board respectfully requests the Federation of State Medical Boards undertake, at the earliest possible opportunity, a thorough review of the reporting of withdrawals by each member board and draft a policy to ensure consistent reporting of these or any level of withdrawals by each member board that will advise member boards of a physicians history of withdrawals in other states.

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