

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution: 412
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Introduced by: Indiana

Subject: Lithium Battery Safety

Referred to: Reference Committee D

1 Whereas, more pieces of equipment utilize lithium batteries; and
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3 Whereas, lithium batteries have limited useful lifetime use; and
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5 Whereas, disposal and recycling of lithium batteries is not a well-established system; and
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7 Whereas, improper storage of lithium batteries can lead to fires; and
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9 Whereas, putting out lithium battery fires can be difficult and requires robust resources; and
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11 Whereas, rural communities' fire department coverage resources can be less robust and less
12 able to handle lithium battery fires; and
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14 Whereas, local agencies often are not aware of lithium battery storage in their area; therefore be
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17 RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association seek legislation to increase environmental
18 and public safety oversight of lithium batteries and businesses that store and dispose of lithium
19 batteries. (Directive to Take Action)
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Fiscal Note: Modest - between \$1,000 - \$5,000

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