

House Resolution 758

By: Representative Marin of the 96th

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging health care professionals to complete training in cultural competency at least every
2 two years; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, it has been determined that there are disparities in the outcomes of health care
4 and medical treatment decisions based on race, ethnicity, and gender; and

5 WHEREAS, cultural awareness and cultural competence are essential skills for providing
6 quality health care to a diverse patient population in this state; and

7 WHEREAS, a public interest is served in providing quality health care to all segments of
8 society and this prescribes the need for the cultural competency education of health care
9 professionals in this state; and

10 WHEREAS, to address this public interest, it would be beneficial for health care
11 professionals in this state, such as physicians, podiatrists, physicians' assistants,
12 chiropractors, dentists, dental hygienists, registered professional nurses, licensed practical
13 nurses, and pharmacists to complete training in cultural competency at least every two years;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, such training should include essential skills for providing quality culturally
16 competent health care to diverse patient populations and should be sufficient to update health
17 care providers on new research findings or national treatment guidelines related to health
18 care decisions based on race, ethnicity, and gender.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body urge health care professionals in this state to complete training in
21 cultural competency at least every two years.