



1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The increasing cost of medical liability
3 insurance results in increased financial burdens upon
4 physicians and hospitals; and

5 WHEREAS, Various groups have cited data to support the
6 contention that frivolous medical malpractice suits and
7 excessive medical malpractice judgments are the cause of this
8 crisis; and

9 WHEREAS, Other groups have cited other data in support of
10 their claims that medical malpractice suits and judgments are
11 not the cause of the crisis but that the medical liability
12 insurance industry is actually at the root of the crisis; and

13 WHEREAS, The collection of information in court records can
14 play an important role in helping the citizens of this State
15 determine the degree to which the legal system and the cost of
16 medical liability insurance are related; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
19 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we request the Supreme Court to modify
20 its administrative orders to provide for specific medical
21 malpractice case recordkeeping by circuit court clerks and
22 reporting of this information to the public and the Department
23 of Financial and Professional Regulation; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That we request the Supreme Court to order a new
25 case designation of "MM" to be used in medical malpractice
26 cases filed in the circuit court; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be delivered to
28 the Chief Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court.