

# ILLINOIS STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY

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(A-25)

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Subject: Automobile Child Safety on Disembarkment

Referred to: Council on Medical Service

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- 1           Whereas, yearly injury and death continue to occur in children due to when adults  
2 accidentally leave them behind in parked automobiles; therefore, be it  
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4           RESOLVED, that the ISMS advocates for the development of standard  
5 unattended rear seat child presence alarms when the adults are leaving the automobile.

## **Fiscal Note:**

n/a

## **Existing ISMS policy related to this issue:**

ISMS supports and encourages public education and legislation promoting child safety restraint use (infant and toddler car seats) and encourages physicians and others to discuss their benefits with all parents. Physicians are encouraged to learn about important safety features which have proven effective. (HOD 1981; Last BOT Review 2014)

House of Delegates adopted Resolution C307 (A-15), which calls for ISMS to: - Endorse development of a program of concerted efforts to reduce deaths of children left in unattended vehicles; - Urge automobile manufacturers to develop sensors that will alert key holders when unattended persons are in a vehicle; and - Forward a resolution seeking similar action to the American Medical Association. (HOD 2015)

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