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## The Dose UPDATE

On July 27, House Bill 118 was passed as amended by the Pa. Senate, which would allow the state to take \$200 million from the Joint Underwriting Association (JUA) to balance the state budget. The bill now goes back to the House.

The JUA is a nonprofit organization, created for the purpose of providing medical professional liability insurance to qualified Pennsylvania physicians, other health care providers, and other entities who are unable to obtain insurance from the private insurance market.

The JUA is opposed to the bill and recently issued [this press release](#).

The Pennsylvania Medical Society appreciates the JUA's leadership on this issue, and is supportive of its efforts. We are opposed to the legislature's efforts to take the JUA's funds and the dismantling of this organization which provides a vital service to hundreds of physicians who serve thousands of Pennsylvanians.

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