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**LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
RECOMMENDATION**

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Recommends that the Faculty Senate do the following: (1) go on record as to support the introduction of a legislative initiative that reviews and revises the "Pop-Tax Law" for financing medical education in the state of West Virginia; and (2) urge the University President to actively encourage the Board of Trustees and legislators to support this recommendation.

**RATIONALE:**

1. The "pop-tax law" (1-cent per 16 ounce soft drink) generates more than 12 million dollars of yearly tax revenue that goes to support medical education at West Virginia University.
2. This legislation was enacted in the 50's prior to the establishment of the Marshall University School of Medicine.
3. Marshall University School of Medicine has not been permitted to share any funds from this tax revenue.
4. The Post-547 Legislation of the University System of West Virginia, in its formulation of a new resource allocation model, should include a legislative revision of this out-dated tax law for financing medical education in the entire state of West Virginia.

**FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT:**

APPROVED BY  
SENATE: Donna Daughan DATE: 12/20/99

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BY SENATE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT:**

APPROVED: Don Auger DATE: 1-10-00

DISAPPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMENTS:**

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