

RESOLUTION 6 – 06A

Title: Over the Counter Contraception (The Morning After Pill)

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House Action:

Whereas, Senate Bill 5311 is presently before the state Senate, and

Whereas, this bill would mandate that the so called “morning after” pill to prevent unwanted pregnancy be an item that would be obtained by prescription only, and

Whereas, the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has recommended that this medication be made available over the counter without a prescription, and

Whereas, it has been shown that this medication has the potential of reducing the rate of unwanted pregnancy in this state, and

Whereas, young women would be much more likely to obtain and use this contraception if it were readily available, and

Whereas, there have been no known complications or significant side effects of this medication; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS go on record as supporting the concept of making the “morning after” contraceptive pill an over the counter medication.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE