

**RESOLUTION 8 – 06A**

**Title: Support of Legislation Regarding Fire-Safe Cigarettes**

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**Referred to: Reference Committee D**

**House Action:**

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**Whereas, cigarettes are the leading cause of fatal fires in the U.S. and are responsible for one-fourth of all deaths caused by fire, and**

**Whereas, annually, cigarette fires kill approximately 1,000 people and injure 3,000 more, and**

**Whereas, fires caused by cigarettes cost the nation over six billion dollars each year, and**

**Whereas, unlike deaths caused by smoking and related illnesses, most cigarette fire fatalities occur among non-smokers, including children and fire fighters, and**

**Whereas, the majority of casualties caused by cigarette fires can be prevented by simple cigarette redesign, and**

**Whereas, fire-safe cigarettes are designed to decrease the burning power of cigarettes that are not being puffed, and**

**Whereas, when lit and left unattended, fire-safe cigarettes will not burn intensely for the amount of time necessary to ignite the majority of household fabrics, and**

**Whereas, the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) has established fire-safe cigarette standards using the National Institute of Standards and Technology Center for Fire Research model, and**

**Whereas, in June 2004, Governor George Pataki and legislators in New York state enacted the world's first law requiring that all cigarettes sold in that state to be self-extinguishing, and**

**Whereas, the law is intended to reduce the number of fires started by careless smokers; therefore be it**

**RESOLVED: That MSMS seek legislation in Michigan, which would require that all cigarettes sold in Michigan be self-extinguishing; and be it further**

**RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to seek federal legislation, which would require that all cigarettes sold in the United States be self-extinguishing.**

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**WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**