

RESOLUTION 42 – 06A

Title: In-Ear Headphones

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House Action:

Whereas, in-ear headphones that are used on many portable musical devices are becoming more common, and

Whereas, the music playing devices with in-ear headphones can generate sound that is well over 100 decibels, and

Whereas, even short exposure to sounds above 85 decibels can cause permanent hearing loss, and

Whereas, it is possible to limit the output of portable musical devices, in fact, in France some portable musical devices are limited to a maximum of 100 decibels output; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS ask the Michigan Delegation to the AMA to ask the AMA to support limiting the maximum output of portable musical devices to acceptable OSHA guidelines; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to lobby the federal government and/or appropriate federal agencies for the establishment of regulations or rules that would limit the output of portable musical devices sold in the United States to limits within OSHA guidelines.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE