

**RESOLUTION 56 – 06A**

**Title:** Referencing Data Presented In Whereas Clauses  
**Introduced by:** Pino D. Colone, MD, for the Genesee County Delegation  
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**Referred to:** Reference Committee C  
**House Action:**

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**Whereas, resolutions submitted to our AMA or to MSMS contain whereas clauses to be considered in the deliberation of the resolution, and**

**Whereas, the whereas clauses provide the substance and the justification for the resolved clauses, and**

**Whereas, the whereas clauses often contain data, statistics, or other information not widely known or accepted, except to the author who has researched the issue in question, and**

**Whereas, these data are presented as scientific evidence to be considered by the House without the opportunity to corroborate the information prior to deliberation, and**

**Whereas, decisions made by organized medicine have received local and national attention, and**

**Whereas, our AMA and state and local medical societies are looked to as leaders in issues facing medicine and public health, and**

**Whereas, organized medicine should strive to make the most informed decisions and the best decisions for our patients; therefore be it**

**RESOLVED: That the whereas clauses in resolutions submitted to MSMS must contain references for any data or statistics which may be used in formulating an opinion on a resolution's resolved clause; and be it further**

**RESOLVED: That the whereas clauses in resolutions submitted to the AMA must contain references for any data or statistics which may be used in formulating an opinion on a resolution's resolved clause.**

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