

RESOLUTION 72 – 06A

Title: Exposure of Children to Second-Hand Smoke

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House Action:

Whereas, second-hand smoke is a known danger to the health and well-being of any person due to the presence of more than 60 known carcinogenic chemicals, and is recognized as a Group A carcinogen by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and

Whereas, second-hand smoke is also associated with many noncancerous conditions such as heart disease, lower respiratory tract infections and lowered lung function, and

Whereas, such smoke exposure to children is associated with the development of asthma and worsening of preexisting asthma, middle ear infections, sudden infant death syndrome, and possibly deleterious effects on learning and behavior, and

Whereas, most adults in Michigan are aware of the harmful affects of smoking and second-hand smoke, and

Whereas, children cannot control smoking by adults in their households and thus have no real protection from this exposure, and

Whereas, child abuse laws are designed to safeguard children's rights and safety; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS lobby for statewide legislation to impose penalties for adults who smoke in an enclosed space (i.e. indoors or in a vehicle) in the presence of a child.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE