

RESOLUTION 3 - 05A

Title: Tobacco-Control International Treaty

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House Action:

Whereas, the United States had signed the Tobacco-Control International Treaty in May 2004 but did not ratify it, and

Whereas, 168 nations had already signed it and 57 nations had ratified it by February 27, 2005, and

Whereas, the risk of tobacco smoking is undeniable, and

Whereas, the Treaty will impose further restriction on tobacco advertising, and

Whereas, the Treaty will impose graphic health warnings on cigarette packs, and

Whereas, the Treaty will help protect non-smokers from second hand smoke; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS work with the Michigan state congressmen and senators to convince them to vote to ratify the Tobacco-Control International Treaty; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to work on the national level to convince the U.S. Senate to ratify the Tobacco-Control International Treaty.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE