

RESOLUTION 22 - 05A

Title: Commercial Aircraft Water Quality and Safety
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House Action: Approved

Whereas, passengers on commercial aircraft have a right to expect that the water on the aircraft that is available for drinking and washing is safe and free of contamination, and

Whereas, testing of water on commercial aircraft by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has shown a significant incidence of contamination with potentially pathogenic bacteria, and

Whereas, contaminated water can present a significant public health hazard, particularly to infants and individuals with impaired immune systems, and

Whereas, water can be readily decontaminated by the addition of an appropriate disinfectant; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to recognize the efforts of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and participating commercial airlines to improve water sanitation on domestic passenger aircraft; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to seek appropriate legislative or regulatory authority for the U.S. Department of Transportation to include water system sanitation and sanitation testing as part of routine commercial passenger aircraft maintenance under 14CFR135, and a report shall be available to the House by the 2006 AMA Annual Meeting.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE