

RESOLUTION 33 - 05A

Title: Ban Lindane

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House Action: Approved

Whereas, Lindane has been removed from use in all European countries, and

Whereas, Lindane has been banned from use in California, and

Whereas, Lindane is a persistent bioaccumulative and a toxin organochlorine insecticide, and

Whereas, children are particularly vulnerable to the toxic effects of Lindane, and

Whereas, Lindane is a potent neurotoxin with symptoms from small exposures by ingestion or skin absorption ranging from nausea, dizziness, muscular weakness, tremors, and convulsions, and

Whereas, chronic effects can include damage to the nervous system and liver disease, and

Whereas, in March of 2003, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) released a public health advisory stating that Lindane shampoos and lotions, “are to be used with caution in patients who weigh less than approximately 110 lbs.,” and

Whereas, of the reported cases with a serious outcome (hospitalization, disability, or death) in the FDA’s adverse event reporting system, 20 percent of those reporting apparently used Lindane according to the label directions, and

Whereas, the Michigan Department of Community Health and the Michigan Department of Agriculture will be reviewing the use of Lindane in Michigan; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS pursue a ban on the medical use of Lindane in the state of Michigan.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE