

RESOLUTION 36 - 05A

Title: Regulation of Over-The-Counter Products
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Referred to: Reference Committee E
House Action: Adopted as Amended

Whereas, over-the-counter supplements or self-help aids are not subject to Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulation due to their being viewed as supplemental and not medicinal, and

Whereas, many over-the-counter supplements or self-help aids make claims to interact or interfere with body functions, including, but not limited to, cortisol production or excretion, collagen formation, metabolism, enhancing sexual performance, etc, and

Whereas, over-the-counter supplements or self-help aids do not undergo testing for safety in humans given the fact that they are unregulated, and

Whereas, given the fact that over-the-counter supplements or self-help aids are unregulated and make unsubstantiated and, at times, outrageous claims, and

Whereas, some of these substances have been shown to be unsafe and even associated with fatalities, e.g. ephedra; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to encourage the Food and Drug Administration to require all over-the-counter products claiming to alter or regulate body function to provide data substantiating all claims made before being made available for sale; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to encourage the Food and Drug Administration to require all over-the-counter products provide data proving they are safe in humans before being made available for sale.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE