

**RESOLUTION 39 - 05A**

**Title: Michigan Health Care Access**

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**Referred to: Reference Committee A**

**House Action: Referred to the Board for Study**

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**Whereas, the right of all Americans to health insurance is affirmed by the AMA in policy group H-165.000, and specifically policy H-165.866 “All Americans Must Have Health Insurance,” and**

**Whereas, similar resolutions have been passed by the governing bodies of Sanilac County, the cities of Ferndale, Detroit, Farmington Hills, Pleasant Ridge, and Mount Pleasant, the State Democratic Convention, and endorsed by the Henry Ford Health System, the MSMS Committee on Bioethics, and**

**Whereas, Michigan citizens, workers, and retirees are increasingly losing health insurance coverage because of the increasing costs of insurance to employers, the self-employed, government, and school districts, and**

**Whereas, the Michigan economy has lost approximately 300,000 jobs since 2000, among the highest in the country, and many of these workers have lost health insurance coverage, and**

**Whereas, Article 4, Sect.51 of the Michigan State Constitution declares health to be a “primary public concern,” and “the legislature shall pass suitable laws for the protection and promotion of the public health,” and**

**Whereas, under Michigan law (MCL 325.2010) the state is supposed to create a plan to provide access to health care to all segments of the state’s population, and**

**Whereas, ongoing huge increases of prescription drug prices require many senior and/or uninsured citizens to choose between food or medicine, and**

**Whereas, good preventative care reduces overall health care cost, and universal access would increase access to preventative services, and**

**Whereas, recent health care legislation passed by Congress does not adequately cover drug costs for many senior and/or uninsured citizens, and**

**Whereas, the relatively high cost of health insurance to employers is one of the key factors that prevents state-produced products from being as price-competitive as they could/should be; therefore be it**

**RESOLVED: That MSMS call upon Governor Jennifer Granholm to establish a commission to study the financing of health care in Michigan so that all citizens in Michigan shall have access to a system which is affordable, efficient, provides an adequate level of care for all, promotes prevention and early intervention, and provides continuity of care (portability across employers).**

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**WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**