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3 **Title:** Recognition of Haptentation and Hypersensitivity Disorders,  
4 the Importance of Identification  
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6 **Introduced by:** Gerald Natzke, DO, and Qazi Azher, MD, for the Genesee  
7 County Delegation  
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11 **Referred to:** Reference Committee D  
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13 **House Action:** Adopted  
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16 **Whereas, chemical and/or metal sensitization (e.g., due to cosmetics,**  
17 **medications, and fumes) is poorly understood and grossly under-recognized,**  
18 **and**  
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20 **Whereas, chemical and/or metal sensitivity is accepted as a federal**  
21 **disability per the Americans with Disabilities Act, and**  
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23 **Whereas, according to the American Public Health Association, chemical**  
24 **sensitivity is estimated to be found in 12-16% of the U.S. population, which is**  
25 **equivalent to approximately 37-50 million people, and**  
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27 **Whereas, sensitization can create symptoms or disease in any/or multiple**  
28 **organ systems and is preceded by toxic chemical or metal exposure, and**  
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30 **Whereas, chemical sensitivity is often characterized by individuals who**  
31 **have developed intolerance to pharmaceutical products in their recommended**  
32 **doses, and**  
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34 **Whereas, haptentation is a known and well documented physiologic**  
35 **process occurring in humans, creating symptoms and disease; therefore be it**  
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37 **RESOLVED: That MSMS use its communication vehicles to make**  
38 **physicians aware of the process of haptentation and sensitization and their**  
39 **multiple ramifications; and be it further**  
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41 **RESOLVED: That MSMS use its communication vehicles to help**  
42 **physicians recognize that one can teach patients methods to avoid exposure to**  
43 **the haptens; and be it further**  
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45 **RESOLVED: That MSMS use its communication vehicles to help**  
46 **physicians include chemical sensitivity in the differential diagnosis, take a**  
47 **history focused on exposures to toxins and symptoms related to known toxins**  
48 **and testing; and be it further**

49           **RESOLVED: That MSMS disseminate information via its communication**  
50 **vehicles on haptention in Michigan Medicine and at the Annual Scientific**  
51 **Meeting; and be it further**

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53           **RESOLVED: That our AMA use its communication vehicles to make**  
54 **physicians nationally aware of the process of haptention and sensitization and**  
55 **their multiple ramifications, as well as to help physicians teach patients**  
56 **methods to avoid exposure to the haptens, and to help physicians include**  
57 **chemical sensitivity in the differential diagnosis, take a history focused on**  
58 **exposures to toxins and symptoms related to known toxins and testing.**

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