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3 **Title: Role for Physician Assistants**  
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9 **Referred to: Reference Committee B**  
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11 **House Action: Referred to the Board for Study**  
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14 **Whereas, Physician Assistant (PA) programs continue to expand their**  
15 **roles related to the delivery of medical care, and**  
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17 **Whereas, PAs now serve in specialties such as cardiology, orthopedics,**  
18 **ophthalmology, surgery, internal medicine, and others, and**  
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20 **Whereas, a need for more primary care PAs is desirable, particularly in**  
21 **areas where physician shortages exist, and**  
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23 **Whereas, incentivizing physician assistants to locate in rural and/or**  
24 **underserved areas could in part solve the lack of access to care problems in**  
25 **those areas, and**  
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27 **Whereas, issues such as scope of practice, curriculum, licensure**  
28 **requirements, liability, and physician supervision must be taken into**  
29 **consideration when discussing solutions to access issues and use of physician**  
30 **extenders; therefore be it**  
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32 **RESOLVED: That MSMS develop a task force to make recommendations**  
33 **for financial incentives and/or programs designed to expand the appropriate**  
34 **use of physician assistants in rural and underserved areas and increase access**  
35 **to care for patients.**  
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38 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**