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3 **Title: Fairness in Ophthalmic Pharmaceutical Pricing**
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10 **Referred to: Reference Committee A**
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12 **House Action: Adopted as Amended**
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15 **Whereas, ophthalmic medications can only be effective if they can be**
16 **purchased by the patient either by self-pay or third party assistance or both,**
17 **and**
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19 **Whereas, many ophthalmic medications are too expensive for patient to**
20 **afford personally or not approved for coverage by their insurance companies,**
21 **and**
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23 **Whereas, programs that give discounts to patients who pay out-of-pocket**
24 **for medications could be given a discounted cost of the medication (self-pay**
25 **discounts), and**
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27 **Whereas, programs could be developed with third-party payers to**
28 **increase the amount of medications on their formulary and thus make the**
29 **medications available at a reasonable price to the consumer; therefore be it**
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31 **RESOLVED: That MSMS work with our AMA, pharmaceutical companies,**
32 **and pharmacy benefit managers to develop programs such as discounts for**
33 **patients who pay out-of-pocket for their ophthalmic and other medications and**
34 **encourage third-party payers to update their formularies to ensure that**
35 **appropriate and affordable medications are available to their contracted**
36 **patients/members.**
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39 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: None**