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3 **Title: New Hassles Regarding Prescribing Sympathomimetic**  
4 **Medications**

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6 **Introduced by: Shafi Ahmed, MD, for the Genesee County Delegation**

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10 **Referred to: Reference Committee B**

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12 **House Action: No Action**  
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15 **Whereas, a memo has been produced by the Michigan Pharmacists**  
16 **Association (MPA) and by Pharmacy Services, Inc. titled, Prescribing**  
17 **Sympathomimetic Medications - Ensure Your Pharmacy is Compliant and Avoid**  
18 **Unnecessary Audit Recoupments, dated January 31, 2013, and**

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20 **Whereas, this document advises pharmacies to require that a**  
21 **prescription must indicate on the prescription order, in the physician's own**  
22 **handwriting, the purpose for which the drug is being prescribed by rule of the**  
23 **Michigan Board of Pharmacy, and**

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25 **Whereas, this rule has caused major increases in telephone calls to**  
26 **physician offices regarding compliance with the rule, and**

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28 **Whereas, requiring the purpose for prescribing the drug is based on the**  
29 **medical decision making of the physician, and**

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31 **Whereas, the MPA has discussed these rules with the Michigan**  
32 **Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) and requested their**  
33 **assistance with updating the rules to allow for the diagnosis to be documented**  
34 **in a manner other than the "physician's own handwriting," and**

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36 **Whereas, LARA indicated that these rules were drafted "20 years ago,**  
37 **prior to the utilization of technology, and were meant for the prescriber and not**  
38 **intended for tools for plans to recoup monies;" therefore be it**

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40 **RESOLVED: That MSMS work with the Michigan Pharmacists**  
41 **Association and the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs**  
42 **(LARA) to either update or eliminate the regulatory requirement that**  
43 **prescriptions for Sympathomimetic medications include, in the physicians own**  
44 **handwriting, the purpose for which the drug is being prescribed.**

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

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