

1  
2  
3 **Title: Violence and Mental Illness**  
4  
5 **Introduced by: Domenic R. Federico, MD, for the Kent County Delegation**  
6  
7 **Original Author: Donald P. Condit, MD**  
8  
9 **Referred to: Reference Committee D**  
10  
11 **House Action: Adopted**  
12

---

13  
14 **Whereas, incomprehensible acts of violence confronts us daily, and**

15  
16 **Whereas, untreated mentally ill account for 10 percent of homicides, 20**  
17 **percent of incarcerations, and 30 percent of homeless<sup>1</sup>, and**

18  
19 **Whereas, more than half of all suicides in the U.S. are committed with**  
20 **firearms. In 2011 there were nearly 20,000 deaths by intentional self-inflicted**  
21 **violence<sup>2</sup>, and**

22  
23 **Whereas, the recent Sandy Hook Elementary tragedy has stimulated**  
24 **another national debate on violence. This was the second worst murder of**  
25 **students in US history. The worst was in Bath Township, Michigan, in 1927. A**  
26 **total of 38 students and 6 adults were killed and 58 others were injured by**  
27 **explosives<sup>3</sup>, and**

28  
29 **Whereas, Michigan ranks amongst the worst of states in available**  
30 **psychiatric hospital beds<sup>4</sup>; therefore be it**

31  
32 **RESOLVED: That MSMS either reconvene the Mental Health Committee,**  
33 **or establish a task force of qualified members, to develop an advocacy plan to**  
34 **promote public safety and improve treatment for individuals whom physicians**  
35 **consider at risk of violence due to mental illness in Michigan.**

36  
37  
38 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**

---

1 <http://treatmentadvocacycenter.org>

2 <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/deaths.htm>

3 [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bath\\_School\\_disaster](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bath_School_disaster)

4 <http://treatmentadvocacycenter.org>