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3 **Title:** **Electronic Health Record Penalties: Taxation without**
4 **Representation?**
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10 **Referred to:** **Reference Committee E**
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12 **House Action:** **Adopted**
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15 **Whereas, the implementation of electronic health (medical) records**
16 **(EHRs) is being encouraged by the federal government through the enticement**
17 **of monetary incentive payments, and**
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19 **Whereas, the cost of EHRs can be very costly for many physician**
20 **practices to implement and have not clearly been shown to improve the delivery**
21 **or reduce the cost of health care, and**
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23 **Whereas, the federal government has also implemented financial**
24 **penalties for physician practices which do not implement an EHR, thus**
25 **taxing/fining physicians who should be allowed to make their own decisions**
26 **about how to run their practice; therefore be it**
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28 **RESOLVED: That our AMA work to have all federal penalties tied to the**
29 **use of Electronic Health Records (EHRs) revoked as yet another form of unfair**
30 **financial penalty for physicians.**
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33 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**