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3 **Title: Hyperbaric Oxygen Chamber Accreditation**  
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5 **Introduced by: Domenic R. Federico, MD, for the Kent County Delegation**  
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9 **Referred to: Reference Committee D**  
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11 **House Action: Referred to the Board for Study**  
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14 **Whereas, freestanding and hospital-based hyperbaric oxygen chambers are**  
15 **increasingly being used to treat wounds without offering emergency coverage for**  
16 **severe carbon monoxide poisoning, decompression illness, or gas gangrene, and**  
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18 **Whereas, while the number of hyperbaric oxygen chambers in the state of**  
19 **Michigan have significantly increased, only two (out of approximately forty) are**  
20 **offering 24/7 emergency care, thereby limiting access to emergency care, and**  
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22 **Whereas, there is currently no state or national law requiring the**  
23 **accreditation of hyperbaric oxygen; therefore be it**  
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25 **RESOLVED: That MSMS work with the Michigan Department of Licensing**  
26 **and Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Health Systems, to mandate that all hyperbaric**  
27 **oxygen chambers in the state of Michigan be fully accredited on a regular basis to**  
28 **improve patient and staff safety; and be it further**  
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30 **RESOLVED: That MSMS work with the Michigan Department of Licensing**  
31 **and Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Health Systems, to mandate that all hyperbaric**  
32 **oxygen chambers in the state of Michigan be available 24/7, seven days a week, for**  
33 **emergency care of patients as a requirement for accreditation; and be it further**  
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35 **RESOLVED: That our AMA work with the Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine**  
36 **Society (UHMS), which in collaboration with The Joint Commission serves as the**  
37 **accreditation agency for hyperbaric oxygen chambers, to mandate that all**  
38 **hyperbaric oxygen chambers be fully accredited on a regular basis to improve**  
39 **patient and staff safety; and be it further**  
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41 **RESOLVED: That our AMA work with the Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine**  
42 **Society (UHMS) to require that all hyperbaric oxygen chambers be available 24/7,**  
43 **seven days a week, for emergency care of patients as a requirement for**  
44 **accreditation.**  
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47 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**