

**RESOLUTION 88 - 05A**

**Title: Stop Anabolic Steroids in Student Athletes**

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**Referred to: Reference Committee D**

**House Action: Adopted as Amended**

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**Whereas, anabolic steroids pose serious health risks to adolescent athletes, and**

**Whereas, there is evidence supporting continuing and increasing use among adolescent (high school) students to enhance athletic performance despite significant medical risks, and**

**Whereas, medical risks include aggression, depression, suicide, hepatocellular damage, early closure of physes, immunologic disorders, reproductive side effects, among a myriad of potential problems, and**

**Whereas, professional athletes who have used anabolic steroids and receive adulation for athletic success are poor role models and provide a confusing message, and**

**Whereas, a fair playing field should be free from performance enhancing anabolic steroids, and**

**Whereas, we must recognize the anabolic steroid user's perspective that the rewards for excellence in sports and accolades derived from the use of steroids outweigh the potential medical risks, and**

**Whereas, the American Academy of Pediatrics condemns the use of anabolic steroids by adolescent athletes; therefore be it**

**RESOLVED: That MSMS advocate a clear, non-ambiguous message condemning the use of anabolic steroids by adolescent athletes; and be it further**

**RESOLVED: That MSMS encourage the Michigan High School Athletic Association to educate student athletes as to the potential complications and risks from using anabolic steroids; and be it further**

**RESOLVED:** That MSMS seek legislation requiring the Michigan High School Athletic Association to test all student athletes for the use of non-prescribed anabolic steroids; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That student athletes testing positive for the use of non-prescribed anabolic steroids be counseled and not allowed to return to athletic competition without negative testing for anabolic steroids.

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