

RESOLUTION 6-07A

Title: Support Ethical Procurement of Transplant Organs

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House Action: Adopted as Amended

Whereas, more than 89,000 U.S. patients are currently waiting for an organ transplant and nearly 3,000 new patients are added to the waiting list each month, according to The International Association for Organ Donations, and

Whereas, because of the lack of available donors in this country, 2,025 kidney patients, 1,347 liver patients, 458 heart patients and 361 lung patients died in 2001, while waiting for life-saving organ transplants, according to this organization, and

Whereas, in 2006 the National Kidney Foundation (NKF) issued a statement voicing its deep concern about recent allegations regarding the procurement of organs and tissues through coercive or exploitative practices abroad, or practices which violate worldwide human rights standards, and

Whereas, transplant candidates and professionals may resort to “transplant tourism,” the traveling to another country for the purposes of organ transplantation, thereby increasing the possibility of exploitation of donors through coercive practices including paid donation; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to work with The World Medical Association to provide ethical guidelines regarding “transplant tourism,” the traveling to another country for the purposes of organ transplantation, thereby increasing the possibility of exploitation of donors through coercive practices including paid donation.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE