

**RESOLUTION 59-07A**

**Title: Finger Print Identification of Emergency Department Patients**  
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**Referred to: Reference Committee D**  
**House Action: Tabled**

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**Whereas, emergency department (ED) patients often arrive in extremis due to severity of disease, trauma, incapacitation, etc., and**

**Whereas, patients arriving in extremis are often unable to provide personal information including name, past medical history, medications, allergies, etc., and**

**Whereas, ED patients, at times, present insurance cards from someone other than themselves due to a lack of their own insurance coverage or other reasons, and**

**Whereas, rapid identification of ED patients facilitates and improves the quality of patient care, in addition to expediting the registration process, and**

**Whereas, finger prints are unique to each individual, with the rare exception of those lacking finger prints, and**

**Whereas, use of finger prints is a proven and reliable method of identification and is non-invasive, and**

**Whereas, since no verbal communication is necessary to use finger prints for identification and recall of hospital data, making this method of identification more HIPAA compliant than current methods; therefore be it**

**RESOLVED: That MSMS work with all appropriate agencies to implement a system of identification using finger prints for all patients presenting to emergency departments for treatment; and be it further**

**RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to work with all appropriate agencies to implement a system of identification using finger prints for all patients presenting to emergency departments for treatment.**

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