

RESOLUTION 61-07A

Title: Minimizing Risks of Food Borne Illness at “Buffet-Type” Restaurants

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Whereas, there are more than 200 known diseases that are transmitted through food, according to the Centers for Disease Control, and

Whereas, food borne diseases cause approximately 76 million illnesses, 325,000 hospitalizations, and 5,000 deaths in the United States each year, according to the Centers for Disease Control, and

Whereas, there are significant direct costs involved with the care of infected individuals, as well as costs associated with lost productivity according to *Salmonella Cost Estimate Updated Using Food Net Data: Food Review; 1999*, and

Whereas, serving utensils on buffets are shared amongst diners, which can potentially be a source of contamination; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS urge Governor Granholm and the Michigan legislature to mandate that all food service buffet lines that make use of shared utensils provide disposable gloves for diners for handling said utensils.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE