

RESOLUTION 62-07A

Title: Minimizing Risks of Recontamination in Public-Accessed Restrooms

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House Action: No Action

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, hand washing has been shown to significantly reduce the transmission of food borne illness, and

Whereas, recontamination can potentially occur through contact with faucet handles and doorknobs; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS urge Governor Granholm and the Michigan legislature to mandate that all new construction or restructuring of restrooms that are accessible to the public be equipped with motion-activated or self-stopping faucets and outward swinging doors that do not require the touching of a knob or handle.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE