

RESOLUTION 71-08A

Title: Tax Sugar-Added Beverages
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Referred to: Reference Committee D
House Action: Disapproved

Whereas, sugar-added beverages that are not 100 percent juice contain substantial quantities of sugar, which has multiple known deleterious inputs on humans, especially children, and

Whereas, the dental community has long established the deleterious impact of sugar-added beverages which are not 100 percent juice on oral health, and

Whereas, sugar-added beverages that are not 100 percent juice are ubiquitous in households, places of work, educational institutions, and many other locations, and

Whereas, competition between industry members keeps the price down to a level accessible for even to the poorest of the poor to purchase sugar-added beverages that are not 100 percent juice, and

Whereas, there is a disproportionate impact of sugar-added beverages that are not 100 percent juice on those of lower incomes, and

Whereas, sugar-added beverages that are not 100 percent juice are used in inappropriate ways, such as in place of baby formulas, because of its low cost; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS seek legislation that would tax sugar-added beverages that are not 100 percent juice because of those sodas' substantially deleterious health impacts and the associated costs of care.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE