

RESOLUTION 78-08A

Title: Health Hazards of Fluorescent Lighting
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House Action: Adopted as Amended

Whereas, there has been a major public effort to transition people away from the use of incandescent lighting due to energy cost issues, and

Whereas, that effort has increased in recent years due to significant increases in energy costs, and

Whereas, there are known health hazards associated with the use of significant amounts of energy, and

Whereas, the transition away from incandescent lighting has increased the use of fluorescent lighting, and

Whereas, it has been recently discovered that the disposal of fluorescent lighting that results in breakage of the glass also results in the release of mercury into the atmosphere, and

Whereas, there is no known safe exposure to mercury, and

Whereas, the cost of mercury cleanup is very substantial, and

Whereas, there is growing evidence that the flicker of fluorescent lighting can result in hyper-stimulation of certain individuals; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS request that the appropriate state agencies develop an implementation strategy for safe disposal of fluorescent lighting; and be it further

RESOLVED: That MSMS and the appropriate state agencies work together to develop a public information campaign to explain the significant health risks of broken fluorescent lighting.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE