

RESOLUTION 80-08A

Title: To March on Lansing Against Smoking
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Referred to: Reference Committee B
House Action: No Action

Whereas, the risks of smoking on the population's health are well known, and

Whereas, the cost of smoking of the entire national economy is well known, and

Whereas, efforts to pass legislation to stop smoking in the workplace and in other venues failed in the Michigan legislature repeatedly, and

Whereas, physicians feel that there is no justification whatsoever for not passing legislation against smoking in the workplace and other locations, and

Whereas, this appears to be an issue that still garners significant opposition from several corners of the economic marketplace, and

Whereas, efforts to date have not convinced the legislature to pass such legislation, and

Whereas, the legislature continues to under-fund the Medicaid program, forcing physicians to subsidize it every time they see a patient because they are doing so with payments less than the cost of seeing that patient, and

Whereas, the legislature appears to not understand the correlation between smoking and its impact on the overall cost of health care; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS establish a Michigan physicians' "March on the Capitol" opposing smoking in the state of Michigan and in support of legislation that would ban smoking in workplaces.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE