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3 **RESOLUTION 32-09A**

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5 **Title: Unused Medications for Needy Patients**
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11 **Referred to: Reference Committee B**
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13 **House Action: Disapproved**
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16 **Whereas, the current economy makes it harder for many patients to**
17 **obtain prescriptions, and**

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19 **Whereas, several doses of medications are being wasted without being**
20 **used in many settings, and**

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22 **Whereas, the Iowa Department of Public Health launched a pilot**
23 **program to save and use such unused drugs for needy patients, and**

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25 **Whereas, during the first year in 2007 more than 300,000 pills with a**
26 **retail value of about \$290,000 were recovered¹; therefore be it**

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28 **RESOLVED: That MSMS lobby the Michigan Department of Community**
29 **Health to institute a program to salvage unused medications for needy**
30 **patients and especially for the free clinic patients all over the state of**
31 **Michigan.**

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34 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**

Reference:
1. States try medication recycling programs. JAMA 2008;300:28.