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3 **RESOLUTION 53-09A**  
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5 **Title: Immunity for Disaster Relief**  
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7 **Introduced by: Michael L. Gambel, MD, for the International Medical**  
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12 **Referred to: Reference Committee B**  
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14 **House Action: Adopted as Amended**  
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17 **Whereas, in the aftermath of the Katrina disaster in New Orleans several**  
18 **physicians were prosecuted [http://www.usatoday.com/news/politics/2007-10-](http://www.usatoday.com/news/politics/2007-10-23-foti_N.htm)**  
19 **23-foti\_N.htm, and**  
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21 **Whereas, some states such as Colorado, Indiana, and New Mexico have**  
22 **enacted legislation to provide immunity from civil liability except willful**  
23 **misconduct and gross negligence, and**  
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25 **Whereas, such legislation will encourage physicians to give their best in**  
26 **times of tragedy and disaster; therefore be it**  
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28 **RESOLVED: That MSMS seek model legislation in Michigan for**  
29 **physicians engaged in disaster relief that provides immunity from civil liability**  
30 **except in instances of willful misconduct and gross negligence.**  
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33 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**