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3 **Title: Interventional Pain Management**  
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10 **Referred to: Reference Committee B**  
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12 **House Action: Disapproved**

15 **Whereas, interventional pain management is defined as the practice of**  
16 **medicine devoted to the diagnosis and treatment of chronic pain, and**

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18 **Whereas, interventional pain management may involve the use of such**  
19 **techniques as ablation of targeted nerves, and epidural and spinal joint**  
20 **injections with injection of agents such as local anesthetics and steroids and**  
21 **other analgesic medications for diagnostic and therapeutic purposes, and**

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23 **Whereas, other techniques may involve surgical techniques such as**  
24 **laser and endoscopic discectomy, intrathecal infusion pumps, and spinal cord**  
25 **stimulators, and**

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27 **Whereas, many of these techniques may require the use of imaging**  
28 **modalities such as fluoroscopy, ultrasound, or computed tomography (CT)**  
29 **guidance, and**

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31 **Whereas, a Louisiana court in 2008 declared that interventional pain**  
32 **management is solely the practice of medicine, and**

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34 **Whereas, in 2009, legislation has been introduced into the Oklahoma**  
35 **legislature, Senate Bill 1133, that would make it unlawful to practice**  
36 **interventional pain management unless such a person is a licensed allopathic**  
37 **or osteopathic physician, and**

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39 **Whereas, SB 1133 would authorize the State Board of Medical Licensure**  
40 **and Supervision to impose administrative penalties and initiate disciplinary**  
41 **and injunctive proceedings against any person, even an individual who is not**  
42 **licensed by the board; therefore be it**

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44 **RESOLVED: That MSMS seek legislation that would make it unlawful to**  
45 **perform interventional pain management procedures for the treatment of**  
46 **chronic pain utilizing fluoroscopy, ultrasound, or other imaging modalities**  
47 **unless the person is a licensed allopathic or osteopathic physician.**

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