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3 **Title:** Michigan Trauma Care
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9 **Referred to:** Reference Committee B
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11 **House Action:** Referred to the Board for Study

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14 **Whereas, in the United States injury is the leading cause of death for**
15 **persons aged one to 44 years old, and**

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17 **Whereas, Michigan sustains more than 5,000 deaths per year due to**
18 **unintentional trauma, motor vehicle accidents, and a significant number of**
19 **suicides in addition to three times as many individuals with post-injury permanent**
20 **disabilities, and**

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22 **Whereas, approximately 20,000 emergency medical services (EMS)**
23 **personnel in Michigan have a substantial impact on the care of injured persons,**
24 **and**

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26 **Whereas, these providers determine at the injury scene the severity of**
27 **injury and initiate medical management as they also determine the most**
28 **appropriate facility to transport the injured person through a system called “field**
29 **triage” and “decision scheme,” and**

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31 **Whereas, the Michigan population continues to age adding significant**
32 **threats to the provision of EMS services, and**

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34 **Whereas, these events constitute a significant public health concern, and**

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36 **Whereas, the determination of the most appropriate “destination facility”**
37 **constitutes a trauma system, and**

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39 **Whereas, the state of Michigan is one of few states of the union that lacks**
40 **such system of care, has no trauma system registry, no instituted designation, no**
41 **state EMS trauma medical director, and no trauma public information system;**
42 **therefore be it**

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44 **RESOLVED: That MSMS work with the Michigan Department of Community**
45 **Health, the office of highway safety planning, the legislature, and other already**
46 **designated commissions and committees to advocate for immediate and**
47 **appropriate funding to bring a Michigan Trauma System to fruition.**

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

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