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3 **Title: Short Term Physician Volunteer Opportunities**
4 **Within the United States**
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10 **Referred to: Reference Committee B**
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12 **House Action: Adopted**
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15 **Whereas, the shortage of primary care physicians is worsening in the**
16 **United States, and**

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18 **Whereas, the number of people without health insurance is increasing,**
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21 **Whereas, many organizations, both faith-based and secular, are trying**
22 **to meet the health care needs of people with low cost or no cost clinics, and**
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24 **Whereas, physicians often travel outside of the United States to provide**
25 **volunteer health care and may wish to volunteer their time at these clinics,**
26 **either in their home state or in a different state, and**
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28 **Whereas, each state has different licensure requirements that may only**
29 **be met with a significant investment of time and money, thus making**
30 **practicing across state lines prohibitive, and**
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32 **Whereas, the National Practitioner Data Bank maintains a list of duly**
33 **licensed physicians in the United States and other organizations, such as the**
34 **American Red Cross and the Medical Reserve Corps, have compiled lists of**
35 **duly licensed physician volunteers for emergency/disaster relief; therefore be**
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38 **RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to**
39 **work with the National Practitioner Data Bank (or a similar credentialing data**
40 **source) and state licensure boards to provide adequate information and ease**
41 **of access for volunteer organizations to check the veracity of physicians'**
42 **credentials at no cost or nominal fee; and be it further**
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44 **RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to**
45 **initiate and oversee cooperative effort among state licensure boards to allow**
46 **short-term (fewer than 90 days) licensure and indemnity across state lines for**
47 **volunteer physicians who wish to assist any organizations providing health**
48 **care to the uninsured, regardless of the affiliation of the organization.**
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51 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**