

RESOLUTION 93-09A

**Title: Obesity as a Disability**  
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**Referred to: Reference Committee E**  
**House Action: Adopted**

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**Whereas, obesity is a well known natural epidemic, and**

**Whereas, obesity is a major risk factor for many disease processes and complications, and**

**Whereas, it is imperative that physicians not only be allowed, but should be required, to discuss obesity and its complications, and**

**Whereas, there are organizations lobbying to make obesity declared a disability, and**

**Whereas, if obesity is designated as a disability, physicians could be sued or reprimanded for discrimination under the Americans with Disability Act if a patient takes offense at the physician discussing obesity; therefore be it**

**RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA petition/lobby the AMA to not support the effort to make obesity a disability.**

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