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3 **RESOLUTION 106-09A**  
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5 **Title: Revision of Federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Active**  
6 **Labor Act (EMTALA)**  
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8 **Introduced by: Meena Ramani, MD, for the Saginaw County Delegation**  
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12 **Referred to: Reference Committee B**  
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14 **House Action: Disapproved**  
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17 **Whereas, there are a large number of patients who use the emergency room**  
18 **inappropriately, and**  
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20 **Whereas, the federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act**  
21 **(EMTALA) requires that if a patient visits the emergency room and their condition is**  
22 **a true emergency, the patient must be treated, or at least stabilized, so they can be**  
23 **transferred to another facility, regardless of their ability to pay, and**  
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25 **Whereas, true emergencies include chest pain, trauma, severe bleeding,**  
26 **respiratory distress, stroke symptoms, danger of losing life or limb, and other**  
27 **conditions that clearly require immediate attention, and**  
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29 **Whereas, patients are coming to the emergency room for illnesses such as**  
30 **colds, to get a prescription refilled, alcohol and behavioral issues, among others,**  
31 **and**  
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33 **Whereas, the emergency room is the most expensive primary care you can**  
34 **get, and**  
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36 **Whereas, emergency rooms risk using their resources on non-emergency care**  
37 **and not having it for those patients who have true emergencies, and**  
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39 **Whereas, treating patients who are inappropriate just encourages them to**  
40 **come back next time; therefore be it**  
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42 **RESOLVED: That MSMS petition the federal government to rewrite the**  
43 **Emergency Medical Treatment Active Labor Act (EMTALA) to cover true**  
44 **emergencies with patients who come into the emergency room being triaged and**  
45 **evaluated and, if the issue is not an emergency, referred to a primary care physician**  
46 **or to other options in the community including free or reduced-fee clinics.**  
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49 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**