

RESOLUTION 3-10A

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3 **Title: Food and Drug Administration Approval of Generic**  
4 **Biologics**  
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6 **Introduced by: John A. Waters, MD, for the Genesee County Delegation**  
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10 **Referred to: Reference Committee B**  
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12 **House Action: Referred to the Board for Study**  
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15 **Whereas, a class of drugs call “biologics” are medications used to treat**  
16 **serious illnesses such as rheumatoid arthritis, some cancers, multiple**  
17 **sclerosis, and hepatitis C as well as others, and**  
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19 **Whereas, these medications can cost \$10,000 to \$30,000 per year per**  
20 **patient, and**  
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22 **Whereas, these biologics are unaffordable for those who are uninsured**  
23 **or who do not have drug benefits, and**  
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25 **Whereas, the \$10,000 to \$30,000 in annual costs are expensive for**  
26 **insurance companies to pay for, and**  
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28 **Whereas, a generic version of these drugs would dramatically bring**  
29 **down costs, and**  
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31 **Whereas, generic biologics cannot be manufactured because they fall**  
32 **under the “Public Health Services Act” that would need to be amended by the**  
33 **U.S. Congress and signed into law by the President, and**  
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35 **Whereas, it can be assumed that providing these lifesaving drugs to all**  
36 **who need them in generic form would save billions of dollars for the Medicare**  
37 **program alone, and**  
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39 **Whereas, House Resolution 1427 has been introduced in the U.S. House**  
40 **of Representatives to support the manufacturing of biologics in generic form,**  
41 **and**  
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43 **Whereas, HR 1427 is being supported by the AARP and the American**  
44 **College of Physicians, and**  
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46           **Whereas, there is bipartisan support within the Senate of “biosimilars**  
47 **and biogenerics,” and**

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49           **Whereas, the Genesee County Medical Society Board of Directors has**  
50 **voted to support U.S. House Resolution 1427, which provides for Food and**  
51 **Drug Administration approval of generic biologics, and**

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53           **Whereas, the Michigan State Medical Society does not have a policy**  
54 **concerning support of legislation for the approval of generic biologics;**  
55 **therefore be it**

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57           **RESOLVED: That MSMS adopt a policy that supports Food and Drug**  
58 **Administration approval of generic biologics.**

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

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