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3 **Title: Health Hazards of Herbal Medicines and Dietary**
4 **Supplements Including Medicines with Asian Patents**
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10 **Referred to: Reference Committee D**
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12 **House Action: No Action**
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15 **Whereas, to our knowledge, there are no strict regulatory laws**
16 **restricting the sale of herbal medicines in the United States, and**
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18 **Whereas, published studies in the medical literature, standard**
19 **textbooks of medicine, and peer reviewed medical journals have clearly**
20 **described in detail the harmful side effects and toxicity of herbal medicines**
21 **and dietary supplements, and**
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23 **Whereas, it is well known that their usage results in nephrotoxicity,**
24 **hepatotoxicity, encephalopathy, and hematological problems, and**
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26 **Whereas, it has been reported in the medical literature that the taking of**
27 **such medications during pregnancy may harm the embryo or fetus or may**
28 **even have teratogenic effects, and**
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30 **Whereas, such treatments with herbal medications may interfere the**
31 **efficacy of conventional treatments, and**
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33 **Whereas, recent data in the medical literature states that there is poor**
34 **quality control during preparation of such medications or dietary**
35 **supplements, and**
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37 **Whereas, many of these products contain toxic levels of pesticides and**
38 **other toxins, and**
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40 **Whereas, many of such products may contain toxic levels of mercury,**
41 **arsenic, lead, and cadmium, either from unintentional contamination or having**
42 **been intentionally added due to the belief that these metals have therapeutic**
43 **value, and**
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45 **Whereas, the labeling and literature that accompanies such products**
46 **may not reflect the exact ingredients, or may not be in the English language,**
47 **and**

48 Whereas, it becomes very difficult for physicians to treat patients who
49 present with unknown life threatening illness having consumed such products
50 over the counter, and

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52 Whereas, it takes lot of effort and taxpayers' money to solve the
53 mysteries of toxic agents and treat the affected patients appropriately;
54 therefore be it

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56 **RESOLVED:** That MSMS ask the Food and Drug Administration to
57 mandate steps to assure the safety of herbal medicines and dietary
58 supplements including medicines with Asian patents; and be it further

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60 **RESOLVED:** That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to
61 ask the Food and Drug Administration to mandate steps to assure the safety
62 of herbal medicines and dietary supplements including medicines with Asian
63 patents; and be it further

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65 **RESOLVED:** That Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to
66 recommend to the Food and Drug Administration that scientific research and
67 clinical trials be required prior to the introduction of herbal medicines or
68 dietary supplements including medicines with Asian patents in the United
69 States to ensure the safety of the public health; and be it further

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71 **RESOLVED:** That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to
72 ask the Food and Drug Administration to mandate that all of the ingredients be
73 displayed on the containers of all herbal and dietary supplements, in the
74 English language, as required for allopathic medications.

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