

RESOLUTION 35-10A

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3 **Title: Decriminalization of Drugs of Addiction**
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9 **Referred to: Reference Committee D**
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11 **House Action: Adopted as Amended**
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14 **Whereas, United States laws and policies in restriction of drug use cost an**
15 **estimated \$19 million per year in federal funds, and**
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17 **Whereas, an additional \$30 billion in costs are incurred by law enforcement**
18 **agencies, courts and of incarceration of offenders, and**
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20 **Whereas, current policies in force over 30 year in the ‘war on drugs’ have**
21 **been ineffective, and**
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23 **Whereas, illegal use of drugs encourages use of bacterially contaminated**
24 **syringes leading to the spread of AIDS with additional taxpayer costs, and**
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26 **Whereas, monies derived from illegal drug trade promote corruption of**
27 **government and police officials, and**
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29 **Whereas, drug abuse is a health problem rather than a moral one; therefore**
30 **be it**
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32 **RESOLVED: That MSMS encourage the use of funds for research into the**
33 **genetic, neurological, metabolic, and social causes of drug abuse.**
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36 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**