

RESOLUTION 53-10A

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3 **Title: Cost of Defensive Medicine**

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10 **Referred to: Reference Committee E**

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12 **House Action: No Action**
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15 **Whereas, there are many claims being made regarding the cost of**
16 **defensive medicine, and**

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18 **Whereas, there is a perception among physicians that defensive**
19 **medicine will protect them from malpractice risks, and**

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21 **Whereas, defensive medicine could lead to unnecessary services and**
22 **procedures that could cause harm to patients both financially and physically,**
23 **and**

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25 **Whereas, there are no concrete numbers on the cost of defensive**
26 **medicine; therefore be it**

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28 **RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to**
29 **request that the Institute of Medicine perform a study on the economic and**
30 **health impacts of defensive medicine; and be it further**

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32 **RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to**
33 **ensure the data on defensive medicine is available by state.**
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36 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**