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3 **Title: Doctoral Level Training in Different Disciplines**
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10 **Referred to: Reference Committee C**
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12 **House Action: No Action**
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15 **Whereas, doctoral level training is becoming more prevalent in different**
16 **disciplines such as nursing and pharmacy, and**
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18 **Whereas, physicians are the “doctors” who spend enough time and have**
19 **the necessary training for independent medical practice, and**
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21 **Whereas, as an example, doctors of nursing practice residency year**
22 **entails 1,000 hours, medical residents work 80 hours a week, racking up about**
23 **4,000 hours their first year and approximately 12,000 hours over three years¹,**
24 **and**
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26 **Whereas, some of the doctoral professionals (for example doctors of**
27 **nursing practice) can cause confusion in the patient’s and third party payers’**
28 **perspectives; therefore be it**
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30 **RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to**
31 **come up with suggestions to avoid the confusion between physician doctors and**
32 **doctors of other disciplines; and be it further**
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34 **RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to**
35 **issue a position paper regarding the doctoral graduates from other disciplines.**
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38 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**

¹ [Croasdale](http://www.ama-assn.org/amednews/2008/06/16/pr110616.htm) M. Medical Testing Board to Introduce Doctor of Nursing Certification - Physicians are Concerned the Move will Lead to Scope-of-Practice Expansions. American Medical News. June 16, 2008 (Accessed on 6 February 2010 at <http://www.ama-assn.org/amednews/2008/06/16/pr110616.htm>)