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3 **Title: Short-Term Physician Volunteer Opportunities Within the**
4 **United States**
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10 **Referred to: Reference Committee B**
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12 **House Action: Adopted as Amended**
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15 **Whereas, the shortage of primary care physicians is worsening and the**
16 **number of people without health insurance is increasing in the United States,**
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19 **Whereas, many organizations, both faith-based and secular-based, are**
20 **trying to meet the health care needs of people with low-cost or no-cost clinics,**
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23 **Whereas, physicians often travel outside of the United States to provide**
24 **volunteer health care and may wish to volunteer their time at clinics either in**
25 **their home state or in a different state, and**
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27 **Whereas, each state has different licensure requirements that may only**
28 **be met with a significant investment of time and money, thus making**
29 **practicing across state lines prohibitive, and**
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31 **Whereas, only a few states have enacted legislation to provide**
32 **indemnity for volunteers except in cases of willful misconduct or gross**
33 **negligence, and**
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35 **Whereas, the AMA Physician Profile Service maintains a list of duly**
36 **licensed physicians in the United States and other organizations, such as the**
37 **American Red Cross and the Medical Reserve Corps, have compiled lists of**
38 **duly licensed physician volunteers for emergency/disaster relief; therefore be**
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40 **RESOLVED: That MSMS seek legislation in Michigan for volunteer**
41 **physicians that provides indemnity except in cases of willful misconduct or**
42 **gross negligence; and be it further**
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44 **RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to**
45 **initiate and oversee a cooperative effort among state licensure boards to allow**
46 **short-term (less than 90 days) physician volunteerism including, but not**
47 **limited to, temporary licensure and indemnity.**
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50 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**