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3 **Title: Sale of Tobacco Products by Retail Pharmacies**
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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, tobacco use remains a major cause of illness, disability, and**
15 **premature death in this country, and**

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17 **Whereas, tobacco products continue to be sold at many retail stores**
18 **that operate pharmacies, and**

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20 **Whereas, the perception by the public is that pharmacies are associated**
21 **with the promotion of good health and this perception is directly reinforced by**
22 **their marketing, and**

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24 **Whereas, the sale of tobacco products significantly conflicts with this**
25 **mission and may implicitly send the message that it is not that bad to use**
26 **tobacco, and**

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28 **Whereas, a recent survey of pharmacists found 82 percent against the**
29 **sale of tobacco products in pharmacies, 16 percent neutral, and only 1.6**
30 **percent in favor of this practice, and**

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32 **Whereas, hospitals voluntarily stopped the sale of tobacco products**
33 **long ago; therefore be it**

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35 **RESOLVED: That MSMS ask all retail establishments that contain a**
36 **pharmacy to voluntarily stop selling any form of tobacco in their stores; and**
37 **be it further**

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39 **RESOLVED: That MSMS provide special recognition of all retail**
40 **establishments that contain pharmacies that do not sell tobacco products;**
41 **and be it further**

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43 **RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to**
44 **provide special recognition of all retail establishments that contain**
45 **pharmacies that do not sell tobacco products.**

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49 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE NOTE: NONE**