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3 **Title:** **Exhibition of Plasticized Bodies Without Known Informed**  
4 **Consent Status**

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6 **Introduced by:** **Domenic R. Federico, MD, for the Kent County Delegation**

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8 **Original Author:** **David M. Reifler, MD**

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10 **Referred to:** **Reference Committee C**

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12 **House Action:**

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15 **WHEREAS, the AMA Code of Ethics (Opinion 2.08 - Commercial Use of**  
16 **Human Tissue) states that “informed consent must be obtained from patients**  
17 **for the use of organs or tissues in clinical research” and that “human tissue**  
18 **and its products may not be used for commercial purposes without the**  
19 **informed consent of the patient who provided the original cellular material,”**  
20 **and**

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22 **WHEREAS, Premier Exhibitions, Inc. is a for-profit publicly traded**  
23 **company that provides plastinated human bodies (prepared in Chinese**  
24 **factories) to museums and other institutions for exhibitions (e.g., Bodies**  
25 **Revealed and Bodies... The Exhibition), and**

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27 **WHEREAS, Premier Exhibition, Inc.’s *Bodies Revealed* and other such**  
28 **exhibitions have appeared in several venues in the United States, including**  
29 **New York, New York; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and, most recently, Grand**  
30 **Rapids, Michigan, and**

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32 **WHEREAS, the Premier Exhibitions, Inc. does not provide assurance of**  
33 **the absence of coercion and the presence of pre-death informed consent in**  
34 **procuring the cadavers, stating only that no “evidence of trauma” was found;**  
35 **therefore be it**

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37 **RESOLVED: That the Michigan State Medical Society issue a**  
38 **condemnation of this exhibition and urge its members not to attend; and be it**  
39 **further**

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41 **RESOLVED: That the Michigan delegation to the AMA House of**  
42 **Delegates ask the AMA to thoroughly investigate the source the provenance of**  
43 **the bodies, if possible with the assistance of the United States Department of**  
44 **State.**

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47 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**