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3 **Title: Pharmacy Response Time to e-Prescriptions**  
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9 **Referred to: Reference Committee A**  
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11 **House Action:**

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14 **Whereas, the utilization of e-Prescribing decreases adverse drug events**  
15 **due to illegible hand writing, drug interactions, and allergies, and**

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17 **Whereas, patients experience more than 1.5 million adverse drug events**  
18 **in the United States at an estimated cost of \$4 billion per year, and**

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20 **Whereas, the Institute of Medicine concludes that at least 1 in 4 adverse**  
21 **drug events can be prevented by measures such as e-Prescribing, clinical**  
22 **decision support tools and documentation of their medications, and**

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24 **Whereas, Medicare, Medicaid and commercial insurance companies are**  
25 **using incentive payments to physicians to promote the adoption of e-**  
26 **Prescribing, and**

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28 **Whereas, e-Prescribing increases efficiency by furnishing physicians**  
29 **with the drug benefit plan at the point of prescribing and reducing phone calls**  
30 **to pharmacies, and**

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32 **Whereas, e-Prescribing can potentially reduce patient wait times at the**  
33 **pharmacy, many patients are told that their prescription was not sent by the**  
34 **physician or it has not been received by the pharmacy when patients arrive to**  
35 **pick up their medication; Patients are now requesting a paper prescription**  
36 **because of their perceived increased wait times at the pharmacy; therefore be it**  
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38 **RESOLVED: That MSMS urge the Michigan Pharmacists Association and**  
39 **the Michigan Board of Pharmacy to communicate to pharmacies about the**  
40 **importance of timely response to prescriptions that are e-prescribed by**  
41 **Michigan physicians.**

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