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3 **Title: Exorbitant Pricing of Insulin**
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9 **Referred to: Reference Committee C**
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11 **House Action:**

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14 **Whereas, many patients have no job despite good effort and no**
15 **insurance and are unable to afford their medications, and**

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17 **Whereas, insulin can be acquired without a prescription but was**
18 **relatively inexpensive until the pork variety manufacturing was discontinued**
19 **leaving only human insulin on USA markets, and**

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21 **Whereas, the least expensive human insulin (regular human variety)**
22 **available is currently still about \$80 per 1000u vial, and**

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24 **Whereas, many patients have insulin pumps that require the use of**
25 **Humalog or Novolog that cost \$125 or more per 1000u vial to patients but costs**
26 **hospital pharmacies only \$12 for the same amount, and**

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28 **Whereas, more and more uninsured persons requiring insulin are**
29 **presenting to emergency departments begging for their medication to prevent**
30 **disability, hospitalization or even death, and**

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32 **Whereas, both pharmaceutical companies and health insurance**
33 **companies are posting record profits; therefore be it**

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35 **RESOLVED: That MSMS request the AMA investigate the best methods**
36 **to address the high cost of insulin for uninsured patients with diabetes.**

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