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3 **Title: Jury Reform**  
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9 **Referred to: Reference Committee B**  
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11 **House Action:**

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14 **Whereas, the right to an impartial jury trial is guaranteed by the U.S.**  
15 **Constitution, and**

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17 **Whereas, the quality and workings of the jury are paramount in**  
18 **determining the outcome of medical liability cases, and**

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20 **Whereas, exorbitant liability awards may reflect a disengaged jury that is**  
21 **unable to discriminate between expected complications and malpractice, and**

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23 **Whereas, the mechanism of jury selection and policies to engage jurors**  
24 **during trial vary greatly depending on the court and presiding judge, and**

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26 **Whereas, it is in the interest of physicians and society as a whole to**  
27 **foster the selection of thoughtful and attentive juries; therefore be it**

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29 **RESOLVED: That MSMS seek legislation to improve the quality and**  
30 **function of juries, which could include, but not necessarily be limited to,**  
31 **measures making it harder to avoid jury duty, allowing jurors to pose questions**  
32 **to witnesses (through the judge), allowing jurors to take notes, allowing jurors**  
33 **to meet intermittently during the course of the trial, and increasing the**  
34 **reimbursement of jurors.**

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