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3 **Title: Filling Fees for Medical Liability Cases**
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9 **Referred to: Reference Committee B**
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11 **House Action:**

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14 **Whereas, when initiating a medical liability suit, plaintiffs pay a nominal**
15 **court fee and are then entitled to name an unlimited number of defendants, and**
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17 **Whereas, this encourages plaintiffs to use a "shot gun" approach; often**
18 **naming as defendants anyone who appears in the medical record, and**
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20 **Whereas, this contributes to the high cost of liability insurance as**
21 **defendants must prepare for trial even if they are later dropped from the suit;**
22 **therefore be it**
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24 **RESOLVED: That MSMS seek legislation to require a separate filling fee**
25 **for each defendant named in a medical liability suit.**
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28 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**