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**Title: Educate the Public as to the Importance of Being Certified by a Recognized Board of the American Board of Medical Specialist**

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**Referred to: Committee on Rules and Order of Business**

**House Action:**

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**Whereas, there have been significant changes in reimbursement that have led physicians to look to broaden their income sources, and**

**Whereas, there are an increasing number of procedures that can be performed with minimal training in the office setting, and**

**Whereas, the office setting does not require the oversight of professional qualifications necessary to practice in a hospital, and**

**Whereas, there are increasing number of venders that can provide pseudo qualifications that mimic recognized Professional Academies and Board Certifications, and**

**Whereas, these pseudo qualifications are available for a fee and have no apparent barrier concerning training or competence, and**

**Whereas, these Pseudo Academies credentials can mislead unknowing consumers to believe that a level of competence in an area of medicine has been achieved, and**

**Whereas, this is an issue of concern to the physicians in Kalamazoo County with the recent opening of a out of state vein clinic in Kalamazoo, and**

**Whereas, this incident occurred after the deadline for resolutions had past; therefore be it**

**RESOLVED: That the Michigan State Medical Society educate the public as to the importance of being Certified by a recognized Board of the American Board of Medical Specialist and strongly condemn those physicians who use credentials not recognized by the ABMS.**

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