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**Title:** Support Expedited Partner Therapy for Gonorrhea and Chlamydia

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**Referred to:** Reference Committee D

**House Action:** Adopted as Amended.

Whereas, chlamydia infections are of epidemic proportion in Michigan, and

Whereas, both chlamydia and gonorrhea can cause infertility and ectopic pregnancies, and

Whereas, treatment of partners is essential in breaking the cycle of infection and re-infection, and

Whereas, current partner notification and treatment strategies are often ineffective, and

Whereas, single dose antibiotic treatments are available to treat both chlamydia and gonorrhea infections, and

Whereas, adverse reactions to the currently used single dose antibiotics have proven to be extremely rare, and

Whereas, studies attest to the effectiveness of expedites partner therapy in reducing re-infection with gonorrhea and chlamydia and therefore to improve control of these sexually transmitted infections, and

Whereas, Michigan remains one of the few states that bars expedited partner therapy; therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** That MSMS support and help draft legislation to amend the public health code to make expedited partner therapy legal in Michigan; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That MSMS support immunity from professional and civil liability if expedited partner therapy is provided according to the regulations.

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