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Title: Medical Marijuana
Introduced by: Cassandra Klyman, MD, for the Oakland County Delegation
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Referred to: Reference Committee B
House Action: No Action.

Whereas, Michigan has legalized the use of “medical marijuana” to help patients’ symptoms of spasm from multiple sclerosis, pain with glaucoma, nausea and anorexia with end-stage cancer and for compassionate hospice care, and

Whereas, the United States Federal Regulation continues to place marijuana in an “illegal” Schedule 1 category, (along with heroin, LSD and peyote) there is serious impedance to scientific research on cannabis that would lead to identification of its most active ingredient, standardization of quality, dosage , safer delivery system and commensurate adverse and beneficial effects to various age groups, and

Whereas, this places the physician in an inappropriate role of a gatekeeper for public access to this botanical until effective regulation is rescheduled at the federal level, and

Whereas, without a national solution, a patchwork of state-by-state decriminalization efforts will persist, thus exposing physicians and members of the public to liability and federal criminal sanctions; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask that the AMA to lobby Congress to pass legislation that would permit academic and clinical research on “medical marijuana”.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE