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**Title: Health Profession Boards Need to Protect Patients**  
**Introduced by: Scott Kuhnert, MD, for the Ingham County Delegation**  
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**Referred to: Reference Committee B**  
**House Action: Adopted as Amended.**

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**Whereas, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) currently contains a “non-discrimination clause” that seeks to expand the scope of practice for non-physician providers, presumably to address the shortage of physician providers in the future, and**

**Whereas, this act as well as other Federal Agencies such as the Institute of Medicine and the Federal Trade Commission are trying to establish the ability for nurses to “practice to the limits of their licenses”, and**

**Whereas, health profession boards (Board of Medicine and Nursing) in each state are supposed to have protection of the public and patient safety as their primary purpose, and**

**Whereas, there is very little or no objective evidence that increasing the scope of practice of non-physician providers would be in the interests of patient safety, and**

**Whereas, the absence of evidence of harm is not evidence of safety; therefore be it**

**RESOLVED: That MSMS oppose efforts by licensing boards to establish their own scope of practice, and expansions in non-physician scope of practice may only occur with approval of the Boards of Medicine, the respective non-physician licensing board, and the Legislature.**

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