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**Title: Restricting Access Of Candy Cigarettes To Children**  
**Introduced by: Domenic R. Federico, MD, for the Kent County Delegation**  
**Original Author: Erin Schwab**  
**Referred to: Reference Committee D**  
**House Action: Adopted as Amended.**

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**Whereas, candy cigarettes are candy that mimic tobacco cigarettes but are targeted for children, and**

**Whereas, candy cigarettes are sold in candy aisles and other easily accessible areas for children in grocery, convenience and candy stores, and**

**Whereas, nearly 70% of smokers start before the age of 18 years<sup>1</sup>, and**

**Whereas, tobacco industry documents have shown that candy cigarettes were “effective advertising for future smokers,” and that tobacco companies made few efforts to hinder candy companies from imitating their tobacco products<sup>2</sup>, and**

**Whereas, “a history of candy cigarette use is associated with higher levels of current or ever smoking among adults”<sup>3</sup>, and**

**Whereas, the tobacco section of the Michigan Department of Community Health have made no efforts to restrict or ban the sale of candy cigarettes in Michigan<sup>4</sup>; therefore be it**

**RESOLVED: That MSMS support legislation to ban the sale of candy cigarettes to minors.**

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

<sup>1</sup> Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 2005. Overview of Findings From the 2004 National Survey on Drug Use and Health. DHHS Publication No. SMA 05-4061. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Rockville, MD.

<sup>2</sup> Klein, J.D., St Clair, S., 2000. “Do candy cigarettes encourage young people to smoke?” BMJ 321: 362–365.

<sup>3</sup> Klein J.D., Thomas R.K., Sutter E.J., 2007. “History of childhood candy cigarette use is associated with tobacco smoking by adults.” Prev Med. 45(1):26-30.

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2940\\_2955\\_2973---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2940_2955_2973---,00.html)