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**Title: Support for Removal of the Prohibition Against Marihuana Use in Michigan**

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**Referred to: Reference Committee B**

**House Action: Disapproved.**

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Whereas, Michigan’s current “medical” marihuana program is poorly thought out, bears virtually no resemblance to standard pharmacotherapy, and essentially makes physicians the gateway to otherwise-illegal recreational drugs, making the current status of marihuana use in Michigan worse than either complete prohibition or complete legalization, and

Whereas, given the broad public support for the concept of “medical” marihuana and the poorly-conceived program that was mandated by the 2008 ballot proposal, there is very little chance of the current “medical” marihuana program either being repealed or altered by enough of an extent to make the use of “medical” marihuana consistent with commonly accepted standards for pharmacotherapy, and

Whereas, there is a possibility that there will be a proposal to remove the prohibition of marihuana use by all persons over the age of 21 on the ballot in November 2012<sup>1</sup>, and

Whereas, it would be preferable to maintain legitimate medical practice as separate and distinct from the use of recreational drugs; therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** That as an alternative to the current highly flawed Michigan “medical” marihuana program, MSMS should support passage of a ballot proposal to remove the prohibition against marihuana use by all persons over the age of 21 if such a proposal is placed on the ballot.

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

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<sup>1</sup> Potential ballot proposal: <https://help.repealtoday.org/>