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Title: Reporting of Maternal Deaths in Michigan
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House Action: Adopted.

Whereas, maternal mortality is a basic health indicator that reflects a nation’s health status and its improvement is part of the Healthy People 2020 objective, and

Whereas, the Michigan Maternal Mortality study was initiated in 1950 and continuous to provide essential information to the Michigan Department of Community Health, and

Whereas, the study represents a collaborative effort of many individuals and institutions in the state to monitor the magnitude of pregnancy related mortality and improve ascertainment by enhancing the reporting mechanisms, and

Whereas, this health information promotes the development of public health policies conducive to the improvement in Michigan health services as represented but not limited to the Perinatal Regionalization initiative from the office of the Governor, and

Whereas, the reporting of a maternal death is voluntary in Michigan somewhat curtailing the ascertainment of all such deaths as sentinel events; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS will support the Michigan Department of Community Health, health care providers, researchers and other involved parties via the necessary legislative channels to implement the concept making the report of a maternal death a mandatory step for individuals or institutions that participate in the National Vital Statistics System (NVSS) and the Michigan Maternal Mortality Surveillance.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE