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3 **Title** **Criminalize “Doctor Shopping” in Michigan**
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9 **Referred to:** **Reference Committee B**
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11 **House Action:** **Referred to the Board**
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14 **Whereas, narcotic abuse is a growing problem nationwide and especially in**
15 **the state of Michigan, and**
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17 **Whereas, physicians are blamed for knowingly or unknowingly abetting**
18 **this behavior among a segment of patient population, and**
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20 **Whereas, patients intentionally misrepresenting facts to more than one**
21 **doctor to obtain controlled substances is known as “doctor shopping”, and**
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23 **Whereas, currently, many patients in the state of Michigan go to great**
24 **lengths to get away with doctor shopping such as travelling significant distances**
25 **to obtain controlled substances and thereby, cause significant strain to the health**
26 **care system, and**
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28 **Whereas, in some states doctor shopping is a crime¹ in the context of**
29 **obtaining prescription narcotics, and**
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31 **Whereas, making doctor shopping a crime will assist in guiding patients to**
32 **responsible physician interactions, thus helping to prevent the epidemic of drug**
33 **abuse in Michigan; therefore be it**
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35 **RESOLVED: That MSMS work with the Michigan legislature to enact**
36 **legislation to make doctor shopping in the context of obtaining prescription**
37 **narcotics (intentionally misrepresenting facts to more than one doctor for the**
38 **purpose of obtaining controlled substances) a crime.**
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41 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**

¹ Doctor Shopping Is Illegal. Accessed on February 23, 2014 at <http://philadelphia.cbslocal.com/2013/12/02/doctor-shopping-is-illegal/>.