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3 **Title: Gun Violence Prevention as a Continuing Medical Education**
4 **Topic**

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10 **Referred to: Reference Committee D**
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12 **House Action: Approved as Amended**
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15 **Whereas, every year in America there are 30,000 gun related deaths, two**
16 **thirds of which are suicides, and**
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18 **Whereas, eight children die each day from gun-inflicted injuries, while 42**
19 **are shot and if there is a gun in the home a child is three times more likely to be**
20 **shot, and**
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22 **Whereas, women who live with a gun in the household are much more**
23 **likely to be threatened, shot, or killed than those of any other industrialized**
24 **country, and**
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26 **Whereas, given the above, and in the context of the multiple events of**
27 **gun violence in public venues over the last decade, gun violence in the USA**
28 **has clearly become a serious public health crisis¹, and**
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30 **Whereas, informed physicians, through counseling about gun safety, can**
31 **help to prevent death and injury due to gun violence; therefore be it**
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33 **RESOLVED: That MSMS encourage inclusion of presentations about the**
34 **prevention of gun violence in national, state, and local continuing medical**
35 **education programs; and be it further**
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37 **RESOLVED: That MSMS ask the AMA to encourage inclusion of**
38 **presentations about the prevention of gun violence in national, state and local**
39 **continuing medical education programs.**
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42 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: The typical cost for a one-day**
43 **educational conference is \$10,000.**

¹ Source of statistics from David Hemenway's authoritative book. Hemenway, D. 2004. Private Guns, Public Health. Ann Arbor, MI: The University of Michigan Press.