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3 **Title:** Single Payer National Health Insurance: MSMS Board Review
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11 **Referred to:** Reference Committee B
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13 **House Action:** Approved
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16 **Whereas, the Affordable Care Act (ACA) has significant limitations**
17 **including incomplete coverage of the population, complex bureaucracy,**
18 **individual mandate, and allowable overhead within plans of 15-20%, and**
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20 **Whereas, Medicare receives high satisfaction ratings from patients and,**
21 **when adequately funded, is a model for an efficient single payer system with**
22 **low overhead of 1-3%, and**
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24 **Whereas, nearly all advanced countries have a well-functioning single**
25 **payer system that is embraced by their citizens, and**
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27 **Whereas, a single payer system has advantages to medical practices**
28 **including simplicity of billing and administration, and**
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30 **Whereas, a single payer system can help American businesses to be**
31 **more competitive by eliminating their involvement in paying for health care for**
32 **their employees, and**
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34 **Whereas, a single payer system provides the opportunity to improve**
35 **medical care according to themes of the MSMS Future of Medicine report,**
36 **including “Universal Coverage”, “Prevention and wellness”, and “Partnering**
37 **with patients;” therefore be it**
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39 **RESOLVED: That the MSMS Board of Directors investigate supporting**
40 **the adoption of a single-payer financing mechanism for health insurance that**
41 **does not impede the choice of physician or other provider, and that the Board**
42 **report back to the MSMS House of Delegates in 2015 regarding its investigation.**
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45 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: \$50,000 for a health care**
46 **consulting firm to research, analyze and write a report.**