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3 **Title:** Enact “I’m Sorry” Law in Michigan
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9 **Referred to:** Reaffirmation Calendar
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11 **House Action:** Reaffirmed
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14 **Whereas, “I’m sorry” laws are being enacted in several states^{1,2} so that**
15 **physicians will be able to offer genuine apologies for medical errors and**
16 **mishaps without the threat of those apologies being used in a lawsuit, and**
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18 **Whereas, such apologies might educate patients and families about the**
19 **complexities of practicing medicine which is an inexact science and closer to**
20 **art in certain situations, and**
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22 **Whereas, such legal provisions will prompt physicians to be more open**
23 **and honest, possibly helping to reduce medical errors and other mishaps;**
24 **therefore be it**
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26 **RESOLVED: That MSMS work with the Michigan legislature to formulate**
27 **“I’m Sorry” law where a physician can express a genuine apology to the**
28 **patients or family in case of a medical mishap without the threat of being used**
29 **as evidence in a future lawsuit.**
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31 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**
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¹ PA passes “I’m sorry” law to improve physician-patient communication. Accessed on February 23, 2014 at <http://medcitynews.com/2013/10/pa-passes-im-sorry-law-improve-physician-patient-communication/>

² I’m Sorry Laws: A Multistate Analysis. Accessed on February 23, 2014 at http://www.martindale.com/medical-malpractice-law/article_Hinshaw-Culbertson-LLP_1936940.htm.