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3 **Title: Human Trafficking**
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9 **Referred to: Reference Committee B**
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11 **House Action: Approved**
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14 **Whereas, human trafficking exploits people through compelled service,**
15 **and**

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17 **Whereas, in Michigan, children, women, and men are compelled into**
18 **prostitution, domestic servitude, and other labor for little or no pay, and**

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20 **Whereas, reports indicate that human trafficking is the second-largest**
21 **and fastest-growing criminal industry in the world, and**

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23 **Whereas, human trafficking is an emergent problem in our state, and**

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25 **Whereas, in a recent survey, the state’s domestic violence and sexual**
26 **assault programs, together with the programs focused solely on human**
27 **trafficking, reported serving over 300 known human trafficking cases in the past**
28 **two years, and**

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30 **Whereas, there are likely many more trafficking victims in Michigan, and**

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32 **Whereas, an estimated 20.9 million men, women, and children are**
33 **trafficked for commercial sex or forced labor worldwide. Approximately 75% of**
34 **these victims are female, and 27% are children. Many victims are taken from**
35 **underdeveloped areas in Southeast Asia, the former Soviet Union, and Central**
36 **and South America and sold in more developed regions in Asia, the Middle**
37 **East, Western Europe, and North America, and**

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39 **Whereas, human trafficking is a very lucrative “business,” generating an**
40 **estimated \$32 billion annually, and**

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42 **Whereas, Michigan’s presence on an international border, ‘crossroads’**
43 **location within North America, and multicultural citizenship lead to increased**
44 **likelihood of Michigan health care providers seeing patients who may be**
45 **unrecognized victims of Human Trafficking, and**

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47 **Whereas, a July 2013 national law enforcement operation in 76 cities led**
48 **to more pimp arrests in the Detroit area than any other city, and the second**
49 **most number of children rescued, and**

50 **Whereas, Senate Bill 592, introduced in 2013, seeks to provide medical**
51 **services for victims of human trafficking so they can receive the medical and**
52 **psychological care they need, with victims eligible for Medicaid coverage;**
53 **therefore be it**

54 **RESOLVED: That MSMS support efforts to increase health care provider**
55 **awareness of the prevalence, symptoms and signs of human trafficking in**
56 **Michigan; and be it further**

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58 **RESOLVED: That MSMS support legislation providing access to, and**
59 **payment for, health care services for victims of human trafficking regardless of**
60 **their citizenship status.**

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63 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**