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3 **Title: Michigan Physician Orders for Scope of Treatment**
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9 **Referred to: Reference Committee B**
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11 **House Action: Approved as Amended**
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14 **Whereas, Physician’s Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST) has been**
15 **developed to limit fiscal expenditures near the end-of-life while honoring patients’**
16 **preferences for treatment, even if a terminal condition is not present, and**
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18 **Whereas, the Michigan version of POLST, Michigan Physician Orders for Scope**
19 **of Treatment (MI-POST), has the same goals, and**
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21 **Whereas, the forms for MI-POST allow the physician to determine do-not-**
22 **resuscitate (DNR) status without the input of the patient which contradicts the**
23 **Michigan Public Health Code¹, and**
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25 **Whereas, the forms for MI-POST do not meet legal requirements in a format**
26 **compatible with the Michigan Public Health Code², and**
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28 **Whereas, the planned MI-POST pilot program includes both EMS personnel and**
29 **physicians who feel that the DNR status as determined in the MI-POST form may lead**
30 **to a potential ethical conflict, especially in an acute, but temporary, emergent situation,**
31 **and**
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33 **Whereas, signing a DNR form does not imply that EMS services or other**
34 **emergent services cannot be requested, and**
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36 **Whereas, other states, such as Indiana, have addressed and corrected similar**
37 **problems with their POLST/POST paperwork; therefore be it**
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39 **RESOLVED: That MSMS review the Michigan Physician Orders for Scope of**
40 **Treatment (MI-POST) form and pilot program and work with MI-POST supporters and**
41 **other pertinent organizations to resolve any conflicts between Michigan’s current Do-**
42 **Not-Resuscitate Procedure Act and Estate and Protected Individuals Code.**
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44 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**
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¹ Michigan Do-Not-Resuscitate Procedure Act, Act 193 of 1996, amended effective February 4, 2014, with Act 155 of 2013, Section 333.1053

² Act 155 of 2013 and Estates and Protected Individuals Code, Act 386 of 1998, Section 700.3206 and 700.2103