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3 **Title: Genetically Modified Organisms Labeling**  
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5 **Introduced by: Domenic R. Federico, MD, for the Kent County Delegation**  
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9 **Referred to: Reference Committee D**  
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11 **House Action: Approved**  
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14 **Whereas, genetically modified organisms (GMOs) are plants or animals**  
15 **that have been genetically altered with DNA from bacteria, viruses, or other**  
16 **plants or animals (often engineered for herbicide tolerance), and**  
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18 **Whereas, the validity of the research for GMOs has been questionable,**  
19 **including concerns about the source of the studies and concerns that studies**  
20 **utilizing GMOs have not been performed in humans, and**  
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22 **Whereas, most developed nations do not consider GMOs to be safe and**  
23 **have imposed significant restrictions or outright bans on the production and**  
24 **sale of GMOs (in more than 60 countries around the world including Australia,**  
25 **Japan, and all countries in the European Union), and**  
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27 **Whereas, food allergies are increasing in incidence, and some clinicians**  
28 **are concerned that GMOs may be contributing to this increase (which are**  
29 **present in about 80% of conventional processed food in the U.S.), and**  
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31 **Whereas, considerable concern has been expressed by consumers about**  
32 **the desire to know when they are purchasing genetically modified foods or**  
33 **foods containing genetically modified ingredients, and**  
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35 **Whereas, two states (CA and WA) narrowly defeated bills to mandate**  
36 **labeling of GMO-containing foods with the help of large campaign contributions**  
37 **from companies with clear financial conflicts of interest, and**  
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39 **Whereas, current voluntary labeling has rarely been utilized, and**  
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41 **Whereas, several organizations have been fighting against clear labeling**  
42 **in spite of their statements that GMOs pose no health risks (the Coalition for**  
43 **Safe Affordable Food), and**  
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45 **Whereas, organic farmers must compete against large corporations**  
46 **(such as Monsanto which controls nearly 90% of the GMO crop market) and**  
47 **deserve to have the distinction made between their products and GMO-**  
48 **containing products, and**

49           **Whereas, all of us should have the ability to make informed choices**  
50 **about the foods and products we consume; therefore be it**

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52           **RESOLVED: That MSMS work with the Michigan Organic Farmers**  
53 **Association, the Non-GMO Group, the Non-GMO Project, and other consumer**  
54 **interest groups to mandate that all genetically modified organisms (GMOs) or**  
55 **foods containing genetically modified ingredients be clearly labeled (not just in**  
56 **the bar code) in the state of Michigan; and be it further**

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58           **RESOLVED: That the AMA (and, through the AMA, ask the World Health**  
59 **Organization) to review its current support of genetically modified organisms**  
60 **(GMOs), specifically reviewing any potential conflicts of interest in the current**  
61 **research and the lack of human research that leaves unanswered questions**  
62 **regarding safety; and be it further**

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64           **RESOLVED: That the AMA pursue and endorse a national law requiring**  
65 **the clear labeling of all genetically modified organisms (GMOs) or foods**  
66 **containing genetically modified ingredients.**

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