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3 **Title: Promote H-1B Visas to International Medical Graduates**

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10 **Referred to: Reference Committee E**

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12 **House Action: Approved as Amended**
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15 **Whereas, there is a severe shortage of physicians in Michigan, and**

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17 **Whereas, most of the International Medical Graduate (IMG) residents are**
18 **on J-1 visas, and**

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20 **Whereas, the state of Michigan is allowed only 30 J-1 visa waivers each**
21 **year and thus only 30 graduating J-1 residents may stay in Michigan to practice**
22 **and others have to go to other states to practice, and**

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24 **Whereas, many of the first-year IMG (PG-1) residents are also eligible for**
25 **H-1B visa sponsorship by hospitals and upon graduation may stay in Michigan**
26 **and practice to help to alleviate the physician shortage and improve the health**
27 **of Michigan citizens; therefore be it**

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29 **RESOLVED: That MSMS work with the governor and Michigan hospitals**
30 **to explore the feasibility of promoting H-1B visas to first year International**
31 **Medical Graduate (PG-1) residents as an effective way of enabling them to stay**
32 **and practice in Michigan and helping to alleviate the physician shortage.**
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35 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**