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3 **Title: J-1 Visa Waiver Drivers' Licenses**
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12 **House Action: Approved as Amended**
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15 **Whereas, J-1 visa resident physicians are given drivers' licenses for only**
16 **three years and one month, and**
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18 **Whereas, these J-1 visa residents get J-1 visa waivers to start practice in**
19 **rural and underserved areas on H-1B visas, and**
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21 **Whereas, the paperwork for visa conversion can take a few months**
22 **beyond the annual July 1 date and J-1 residents' drivers' licenses cannot be**
23 **renewed until this conversion is complete; therefore be it**
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25 **RESOLVED: That MSMS work with the Michigan Secretary of State to**
26 **explore the feasibility of granting drivers' licenses for J-1 visa holder for four**
27 **years, similar to the length of time all other drivers in Michigan may retain their**
28 **licenses.**
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30 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**
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