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Title: Firearm-Related Injury and Death: Adopt a Call to Action

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Referred to: Reference Committee D

House Action: **APPROVE**

Whereas, deaths and injuries related to firearms constitute a major public health problem in the United States, and

Whereas, in response to firearm violence and other firearm-related injuries and deaths, an inter-disciplinary, inter-professional group of leaders from eight national health professional organizations and the American Bar Association, representing the official policy positions of their organizations, advocate a series of measures aimed at reducing the health and public health consequences of firearms, and

Whereas, the eight national health professional organizations include: the American Academy of Family Physicians, American Academy of Pediatrics, American College of Emergency Physicians, American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, American College of Physicians, American College of Surgeons, American Psychiatric Association, and American Public Health Association, and

Whereas, the American Medical Association is prominently absent, and

Whereas, the specific recommendations of this inter-disciplinary group include universal background checks of gun purchasers, elimination of physician “gag laws,” restricting the manufacture and sale of military-style assault weapons and large-capacity magazines for civilian use, research to support strategies for reducing firearm-related injuries and deaths, improved access to mental health services, and avoidance of stigmatization of persons with mental and substance use disorders through blanket reporting laws, and

Whereas, the American Bar Association, acting through its Standing Committee on Gun Violence, confirms that none of these recommendations conflict with the Second Amendment or previous rulings of the U.S. Supreme Court; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS endorse the specific recommendations made by an interdisciplinary, inter-professional group of leaders from the American Academy of Family Physicians, American Academy of Pediatrics, American College of Emergency Physicians, American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, American College of Physicians, American College of Surgeons, American Psychiatric Association, American Public Health

47 Association, and the American Bar Association aimed at reducing the health and public health
48 consequences of firearms and lobby for their adoption; and be it further
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50 RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA)
51 ask our AMA to endorse the specific recommendations made by an interdisciplinary, inter-
52 professional group of leaders from the American Academy of Family Physicians, American
53 Academy of Pediatrics, American College of Emergency Physicians, American Congress of
54 Obstetricians and Gynecologists, American College of Physicians, American College of Surgeons,
55 American Psychiatric Association, American Public Health Association, and the American Bar
56 Association aimed at reducing the health and public health consequences of firearms and lobby
57 for their adoption.
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60 WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE

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