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Title: Assessing Health Care Needs of the General Population  
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Referred to: Reference Committee E  
House Action: **AMEND**

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Whereas, the aging population is one of the principal health problems confronting the United States, and

Whereas, people are living longer, often with multiple co-morbidities, requiring more health care, social assistance, and placement in rehabilitation and extended care facilities, and

Whereas, the large baby boomer generation is accessing health care requiring additional resources, and

Whereas, the size of the population eligible for Medicaid benefits continues to increase and those people are increasingly accessing health care, and

Whereas, the population with private insurance are having more difficulty accessing health care, and

Whereas, there is a known shortage of physicians nationally and within the State of Michigan, and

Whereas, two-thirds of the surgeons nationally are over the age of 50, and

Whereas, increasing demands on physicians is leading to burnout and early retirement, and

Whereas, the number of graduate medical education slots and amount of funding has not been proportionately increased in size to meet the number of medical students graduating or the needs of the population to provide health care; and

Whereas, health care is a primary employer of many in the state of Michigan and Michigan is a leading state for health-care education; and

Whereas, the health care needs and resources within our state varies greatly due to geographic size and distribution; and

46           Whereas, there are limited resources to care for the general population at large  
47 including access to primary care, specialists, emergency care, bedside nursing, social work,  
48 equipment, hospital ICU and progressive care beds and operating room capacities; therefore be  
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51           RESOLVED: That MSMS work with other appropriate agencies and professional societies  
52 to study critical health care needs and limited health care resources in the State of Michigan;  
53 and be it further

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55           RESOLVED: That MSMS provide an update on their progress in studying the critical  
56 health care needs of and availability of resources in the State of Michigan at the 2017 MSMS  
57 House of Delegates meeting.

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