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Title: Increase Awareness of DEA Prescription Drug Take Back Programs

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Referred to: Reference Committee B

House Action: **APPROVE**

Whereas, 6.9 percent of Americans aged 20 and over used a prescription opioid analgesic<sup>1</sup> in the past 30 days from 2011–2012, and

Whereas, unused prescription drugs could be a source of environmental contamination and a source of substance abuse, and

Whereas, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency’s Office of Diversion Control has an ongoing prescription drug take back program with approved locations<sup>2</sup>, and

Whereas, physicians and patients are not fully aware of the extent and features of this program; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS inform physicians of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency’s Office of Diversion Control’s prescription drug take back program; and be it further

RESOLVED: That MSMS work with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to educate the general public about the availability of prescription drug take back programs approved by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency’s Office of Diversion Control.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE

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<sup>1</sup> CDC. Therapeutic Drug Use. Accessed at <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/drug-use-therapeutic.htm> on March 29, 2016.  
<sup>2</sup> US department of Justice. DEA. Drug disposal information. Accessed on March 29, 106 at [http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug\\_disposal/index.html](http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/index.html).