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3 Title: Licensure: Pain Management CME Requirement  
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9 Referred to: Reference Committee E  
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11 House Action: **AMEND**  
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14       Whereas, substance abuse is a growing problem in Michigan, and

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16       Whereas, according to data from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) from  
17 2010-2011, 10.7 percent of Michigan residents aged 12 years and older reported using illicit drugs  
18 in the past month<sup>1</sup>, and

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20       Whereas, a similar national pattern has also been seen in Michigan with drug overdoses  
21 exceeding motor vehicle crashes to become the leading cause of injury death in Michigan in 2009<sup>2</sup>,  
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24       Whereas, the number of U.S. newborns diagnosed with symptoms of drug withdrawal,  
25 Neonatal Withdrawal Syndrome (a.k.a., Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome) nearly tripled in 10 years  
26 due to increasing opiate use among pregnant women resulting in breathing difficulties, low birth  
27 weight, feeding difficulties and seizures, and increased costs due to their longer hospital stays<sup>3</sup>, and

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29       Whereas, several states mandate pain management continuing medical education as a  
30 requirement for medical licensing for prescribers of Schedule I-IV drugs; therefore be it

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32       RESOLVED: That MSMS identify and inform physicians about continuing medical education  
33 programs or courses in pain and symptom management that focus on training in effective pain and  
34 symptom management, identification of patients at high risk for substance abuse, counseling  
35 patients about side effects, and the addictive nature and proper storage and disposal of  
36 prescription drugs.  
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39       WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE

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<sup>1</sup> Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. Alcohol/Substance Abuse Epidemiology Program. Accessed at [http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71548\\_54783\\_54784\\_57850---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71548_54783_54784_57850---,00.html) on March 29, 2016

<sup>2</sup> Ibid

<sup>3</sup> Ibid