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3 Title: Membership Dues for the Medical Student Section
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9 Referred to: Reference Committee C
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11 House Action: **DISAPPROVE**
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14 Whereas, the current cost of the American Medical Association-Medical Student Section
15 (AMA-MSS) membership is \$88.00 for a four-year period of which \$68.00 is allocated to the national
16 AMA, \$15.00 to county leadership, and \$5.00 to the MSMS, and
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18 Whereas, the cost of tuition for medical school, including Michigan medical schools, has
19 been increasing over the present period¹, and
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21 Whereas, the number of medical schools and medical students in the state of Michigan have
22 increased since 2010, with 3,322 students in MD programs around the state², and
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24 Whereas, student membership numbers for the AMA have dropped over the recent years,
25 even with an increase in Michigan medical school campuses, with 1,320 members for the 2011-
26 2012 and 2015-2016 fiscal years³, and
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28 Whereas, as of March 1, 2016, according to a survey sent out to medical students in the
29 state of Michigan, 61 percent of non-MSMS/AMA medical students have stated that cost is the
30 greatest factor against joining the AMA/MSMS as a medical student⁴, and
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32 Whereas, the medical students of Michigan have always been highly involved members in
33 their county societies, the MSMS, and the AMA, and have contributed greatly to MSMS policy⁵, and
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35 Whereas, when students get involved early on in medical school in the discussion on health
36 policy, they are more likely to remain involved throughout their medical careers; therefore be it
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38 RESOLVED: That MSMS subsidize half of the dues for membership into the AMA, MSMS and
39 county medical societies for each Michigan medical student.
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42 WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: \$50,000.00 - \$150,000.00.

¹ Board of Governors Tuition and Fees Statutes: http://bog.wayne.edu/code/2_74_01.php
² Barzansky, Barbara and Sylvia Etzel (2015). "Medical Schools in the United States, 2014-2015". JAMA, 314(22), 2426.
³ Numbers obtained from the Michigan State Medical Society: 2011/2012 = 1,320; 2012/2013 = 1,303; 2013/2014 = 1,305; 2014/2015 = 1,270; 2015/2016 = 1,320
⁴ https://docs.google.com/forms/d/12MfsnV4TUBUfrAtezJSHR8AaIEr-bA4XahPfKaEF3hQ/edit?usp=drive_web#responses
⁵ https://msms.org/Portals/0/Documents/MSMS/About_MSMS/MSMS_Policy_Manual_2015.pdf