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Title: Ban Lead in Plumbing

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House Action: **APPROVE**

Whereas, according to the International Code Council and the Summary of the Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act frequently asked questions (US EPA October 2013), 20 percent of ingested lead is from drinking water, and

Whereas, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that there is no safe level of lead, and

Whereas, according to the National Science Foundation, lead leaching is not directly proportional to the level of lead in a water delivery product, and

Whereas, 1986 standards produced by the Federal Safe Water Drinking Act allow eight percent or less lead in potable plumbing, and

Whereas, "lead-free" as defined in the Safe Water Drinking Act does not actually mean lead-free, and

Whereas, major institutions such as the University of Michigan-Flint have found high levels of lead in shower water following treatment of water to the point of being virtually lead-free, and

Whereas, the source of that lead has proven to be water fixtures, and

Whereas, physicians are obligated to tell patients when there is a health threat, and

Whereas, the failure of government at all levels to protect the public in the Flint water crisis has been made abundantly clear; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS and all Michigan county medical societies pursue lead-free standards at the state and federal levels that are actually lead-free, for all plumbing related to drinking water.

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA) ask our AMA to pursue lead-free standards at the federal level that are actually lead-free, for all plumbing related to drinking water.
