RESOLUTION 10-17

Title: Regulations Regarding Medical Tool and Instrument Repair

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House Action: **APPROVE**

Whereas, the US Food and Drug Administration may be considering new rules regarding the repair of medical tools, equipment, and instruments, and

Whereas, there are indications that some individuals believe that the repair of medical tools, equipment, and instruments by non-factory authorized service personnel increases the risk of failure of the device, and

Whereas, there is no scientific data to show that medical tools, equipment, and instruments that have been repaired or refurbished by non-factory/manufacturer authorized service personnel pose any greater safety risk than those repaired by factory/manufacturer authorized personnel, and

Whereas, there have been suggestions that persons engaged in the repair and/or refurbishment of medical tools, equipment, and instruments should be licensed, and

Whereas, there is no evidence to show that licensing guarantees competency, and

Whereas, additional rules and regulations regarding the repair and refurbishment of medical tools, equipment, and instruments could increase the cost of health care without offering any benefit to patients; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS oppose any regulations regarding the repair or refurbishment of medical tools, equipment, and instruments that are not based on objective scientific data; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA) ask our AMA to strongly oppose any rules or regulations regarding the repair or refurbishment of medical tools, equipment, and instruments that are not based on objective scientific data.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE