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Title: Disposal of Pharmaceuticals
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House Action: **APPROVE**

Whereas, pharmaceuticals and drugs expire, and

Whereas, many pharmaceuticals and drugs are not used entirely and remain in "medicine cabinets," and

Whereas, there are far too many unused narcotics remaining in "medicine cabinets," and

Whereas, disposal of pharmaceuticals and drugs into landfills, septic/sewer systems, waterways, etc., pollutes our environment, and is a serious problem, and

Whereas, many people become addicted to unused narcotics, and

Whereas, children often accidentally take unused medications, and

Whereas, patients and families either do not know how to or cannot properly dispose of unused or expired pharmaceuticals and drugs, and

Whereas, some pharmacies will take back unused and/or expired pharmaceuticals and drugs, but others will not; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS ask the Michigan Legislature to require that all pharmacies that dispense medications to "take back" unused and/or expired pharmaceuticals and drugs and subsequently provide for the disposal of such medications per the most current standard of proper disposal.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE