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Title: Increased Disposal Locations for Injectable Medical Waste
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House Action: **APPROVE**

Whereas, the incidence of diabetes is increasing significantly, especially in the baby boomer age group, and

Whereas, there is an increasing frequency in the use of injectable medications, and

Whereas, there are other medical conditions that are treated with authorized medical injectables outside of licensed medical facilities, and

Whereas, this is a trend that may increase in the future as evidenced by the fact that many current and newer proposed medications are injectables, and

Whereas, even in communities where there is private contracting for solid waste, there are only very limited days in which medical waste can be given to them for appropriate disposal, and

Whereas, this may be more problematic in rural areas; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS actively advocate, seek, and support legislation to require alternative sites such as hospitals, pharmacies, police departments, county health organizations or other designated sites on an as needed basis and with no cost to patients for the disposal of injectable medical waste so as to protect the public, as well as the families of the patients using medical injectables, from unwanted accidental exposure to needles used for authorized medical injections and thus insure their appropriate disposal instead of potential contamination of the environment; the availability of alternative sites at no cost to the patients using medical injectables for authorized medical injections; and, the requirement that any pharmacy that sells injectable medications have a sharps container readily available to recycle medical waste.

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