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Title: Opioid Tapering  
Introduced by: Domenic Federico, MD, for the Kent County Delegation  
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Referred to: Reference Committee E  
House Action: **APPROVE**

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Whereas, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention declared an opioid epidemic in the US, and

Whereas, sales of opioid prescription medications in the US have quadrupled since 1999, and

Whereas, in 52 percent of the overdose deaths in the state of Michigan involving prescription opioids, the antecedent had a prescription for the drug of first mention filled within 30 days prior to their death, and

Whereas, the state of Michigan is in the top quartile for opioid prescriptions written per person, and

Whereas, persons prescribed opioids or opiates chronically will develop physiologic dependence, and

Whereas, persons physiologically dependent on opioids will have withdrawal; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS provide education to encourage physicians prescribing chronic opioids to taper patients off opioids for a minimum of 30 days prior to discharging from their care or to refer to an addiction medicine specialist.

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WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE