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Title: Ensuring Quality Health Care for Our Veterans
Introduced by: Cathy O. Blight, MD, for the Genesee County Delegation
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Referred to: Reference Committee E
House Action: **APPROVED**

Whereas, USA Today has reported on seriously deleterious physician hiring practices in the Veterans Health Administration, and

Whereas, these deleterious hiring practices include subjecting our nations’ veterans to care by physicians who have faced dozens of malpractice cases, and who have been sanctioned and, in some cases, have lost their licenses to practice in at least one state, and

Whereas, the U.S. Government Accountability Office has recently reported that the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs failed to report 90 percent of potentially dangerous medical providers in recent years to a national database, and

Whereas, USA today has found that oversight of the Veteran’s Administration is so lax that the Veterans Administration had no idea how many medical workers had been reported or if they had been reported at all, and

Whereas, the U.S. Government Accountability Office has discovered that at one facility, officials failed to report six providers to the national practitioner database because the officials were unaware that they have been delegated responsibility for reporting, and

Whereas, patients receiving care in non-Veterans Health Administration institutions would not be subjected to similar substandard care; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA) ask our AMA to work with the Veterans Health Administration and with Congress to develop the necessary resources and requirements to cause the Veterans Health Administration to perform appropriate reviews of applicant and employed physicians and other health care providers so that those who have served us so well, our veterans, receive the high-quality care that they have been promised and are owed; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA) ask our AMA to engage the Veterans Health Administration in dialogue on accreditation practices by the Veterans Health Administration to assure they are similar to those of hospitals, state medical boards, and insurance companies.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE

Relevant AMA Policy: None