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Title: Buccal Drug Screening for Drivers
Introduced by: Robert Levine, MD, for the Oakland County Delegation
Original Author: Robert Levine, MD
Referred to: Reference Committee B
House Action: **DISAPPROVED**

Whereas, buccal drug screens (buccal swab) is a proven method of determining the presence of certain illegal drugs, marijuana metabolites, and certain opioids, and

Whereas, the Michigan State Police want to increase the use of the buccal swab to identify drivers who might be under the influence of a substance that could affect their driving ability; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS supports the use of buccal smears to help identify drivers who might be under the influence of a substance that could adversely affect their driving ability; and be it further

RESOLVED: That MSMS seek and/or support legislation that would require drivers to submit to an oral buccal test in the same manner that they are required to submit to an alcohol breathalyzer test if they are stopped and appear to be driving under the influence of substances that may adversely affect their driving ability.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: \$25,000 or more as this resolution directs MSMS to pursue legislative advocacy.

Relevant MSMS Policy: None

Drunk Driving

MSMS supports the following measures to reduce drunk driving:

- 1. The establishment of a blood alcohol concentration of 0.05 as per se illegal for driving in Michigan.
- 2. Administrative license revocation upon arrest for operating under the influence.
- 3. Mandatory blood alcohol testing for any driver involved in a motor vehicle accident that result in personal injury.
- 4. Establishment of a color-coded operator’s license for persons under 21 years of age.
- 5. Mandatory alcohol treatment and counseling for repeat violators of drunk driving laws.

MSMS supports activities to educate the public and physicians to secure their cooperation in the stringent enforcement of drunk driving laws. (Prior to 1990)

Relevant AMA Policy:

Screening for Alcohol and Other Drug Use in Trauma Patients H-130.956

Our AMA (1) encourages hospital medical staffs to promote the performance of blood alcohol concentration (BAC) tests and urine drug screens on hospitalized trauma patients; and (2) urges physicians responsible for the care of hospitalized trauma patients to implement appropriate evaluation and treatment when there is a positive BAC, other positive drug screen result, or other source of suspicion of a potential substance misuse disorder.

Substance Use and Substance Use Disorders H-95.922

Our AMA:

- (1) will continue to seek and participate in partnerships designed to foster awareness and to promote screening, diagnosis, and appropriate treatment of substance misuse and substance use disorders;

(2) will renew efforts to: (a) have substance use disorders addressed across the continuum of medical education; (b) provide tools to assist physicians in screening, diagnosing, intervening, and/or referring patients with substance use disorders so that they have access to treatment; (c) develop partnerships with other organizations to promote national policies to prevent and treat these illnesses, particularly in adolescents and young adults; and (d) assist physicians in becoming valuable resources for the general public, in order to reduce the stigma and enhance knowledge about substance use disorders and to communicate the fact that substance use disorder is a treatable disease; and (3) will support appropriate federal and state legislation that would enhance the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of substance use disorders.