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Title: Prescription Medication Pill Size
Introduced by: David Whalen, MD, for the Kent County Delegation
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Referred To: Reference Committee A
House Action: **DISAPPROVED**

Whereas, dosing of medication frequently requires a patient to cut pills in half to achieve the proper dose recommended by their physician, and

Whereas, these medication types requiring alteration in pill tab size may be to limit the dose of controlled substances which is an advantage to many patients, and

Whereas, these dosage adjustments may be difficult for patients with limited dexterity to cut on their own; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS ask the Michigan Board of Pharmacy to pursue pill medication size to be no smaller than six mm in diameter or other size found by research to be best suited for pill cutting by elderly or disabled patients; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA) ask our AMA to request pharmaceutical companies to manufacture pills larger than five mm in diameter for medications most likely to be prescribed to elderly and disabled persons, especially those consisting of controlled substances, to better allow pill cutting to help control dosages, unless research shows this to be unnecessary in this group of patients.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: \$2,000-\$4,000 to engage in outreach efforts.

Relevant MSMS Policy: None

Relevant AMA Policy: None