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3 **Title:** Remove Legal Impediments to Women’s Reproductive Rights
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9 **Referred To:** Reaffirmation Calendar
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11 **House Action:** **REAFFIRMED MSMS POLICIES “PHYSICIAN-PATIENT RELATIONSHIP**
12 **AND HEALTH CARE DECISIONS” AND “REPEAL OF MICHIGAN’S**
13 **ABORTION LAW”**
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16 Whereas, in 2022 the people of Michigan passed an amendment to the Michigan
17 Constitution that made abortion a constitutional right, and
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19 Whereas, many Michigan laws have been passed and still exist unnecessarily restricting
20 abortion care, such that the constitutional right to abortion care is inaccessible to many, and
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22 Whereas, the 2022 constitutional amendment did not remove or invalidate many existing
23 Michigan laws intended to regulate many aspects of reproductive health, including but not limited
24 to 1) the 24-hour waiting period; 2) unnecessarily onerous abortion clinic health standards; 3) the
25 ban on public funding for abortions; and 4) the so-called partial birth abortion ban, and
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27 Whereas, the Reproductive Health Act passed in the fall of 2023 by the Michigan Legislature
28 removed some, but not all, unnecessary legislative interference in the provision of abortion care,
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31 Whereas, this leaves uncertainty regarding access to reproductive rights, which may take
32 years to resolve in the courts, and
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34 Whereas, the people of Michigan after passage of this constitutional amendment should
35 not have to wait years to achieve effective reproductive freedom; therefore be it
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37 RESOLVED: That MSMS lobby the Legislature to invalidate any, and all, laws that restrict
38 access to evidence-based reproductive health care, including but not limited to: mandatory delays
39 prior to obtaining abortion care, the provision of state mandated consents or materials (such as
40 depictions of fetal development), state mandated scripting of the patient-provider interaction, or
41 any other legislative interference singling out abortion care for additional administrative or
42 regulatory burdens differentially from other health care most notably pregnancy loss management.
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45 WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: \$1,000-\$2,000

Relevant MSMS Policy:

Physician-Patient Relationship and Health Care Decisions

MSMS believes: 1) the physician-patient relationship is deeply personal and must be respected and protected at all costs; 2) physicians and their patients should be free to consider, discuss, and pursue medical procedures guided by a physician's best medical judgment and a patient's physical health and safety; and 3) as a Society, MSMS has always been and continues to be opposed to the potential criminalization of physicians and their patients in making health care decisions.

Repeal of Michigan's Abortion Law

MSMS supports the repeal of Michigan Compiled Laws 750.14 and 750.15, due to the criminalization of physicians.

Relevant AMA Policy:

Expanding Support for Access to Abortion Care D-5.996

1. Our AMA will advocate for: (a) broad and equitable access to abortion services, public and private coverage of abortion services, and funding of abortion services in public programs; (b) explicit codification of legal protections to ensure broad, equitable access to abortion services; and (c) equitable participation by physicians who provide abortion care in insurance plans and public programs.
2. Our AMA opposes the use of false or inaccurate terminology and disinformation in policymaking to impose restrictions and bans on evidence-based health care, including reproductive health care.