

**RESOLUTION 2021 A**

SUBJECT: Physician Opioid Prescribing Legislative Protection  
SUBMITTED TO: Michigan Osteopathic Association House of Delegates  
SUBMITTED BY: Stephen Swetech, DO (MCOMA)  
REFERRED TO: Professional Affairs

*Recommendation from Reference Committee: Approve as Amended*

ACTION AT MOA HOD:

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- 1 **Whereas, DUE TO WIDESPREAD PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE NATIONAL** ~~because of~~
- 2 ~~the media's obsession with the opioid crisis, SOME~~ physicians **MAY BE UNFAIRLY**
- 3 **SANCTIONED FOR APPROPRIATE PRESCRIBING OF OPIOID ANALGESIC** ~~are being~~
- 4 ~~singled out for legitimately prescribing opioid analgesics, effectively preventing physicians from~~
- 5 ~~prescribing them for fear of license revocation; and~~
  
- 6 **Whereas, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory** ~~the only real alternative~~ analgesic **MEDICATIONS**
- 7 **COULD** have serious **AND** potentially life threatening side effects **OR MAY BE**
- 8 **INSUFFICIENTLY EFFICACIOUS**; therefore be it
  
- 9 **Resolved, that the Michigan Osteopathic Association ENCOURAGE** ~~assist receptive~~
- 10 **MICHIGAN** legislators to enact ~~license protecting~~ laws enabling physicians **APPROPRIATELY**
- 11 **ADDRESS** ~~safely alleviate their patient's pain~~ **ISSUES**; and be it further
  
- 12 **Resolved, that this RESOLUTION BE FORWARDED** ~~be sent~~ to the American Osteopathic
- 13 Association for national legislative action.