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CONSENT AGENDA – FOR COLLECTIVE ACTION BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Mr. Speaker, I present the following Consent Agenda, and the Committee recommends that it be APPROVED:

H400  INTERFERENCE IN THE PHYSICIAN-PATIENT RELATIONSHIP BY PERSONAL INJURY ATTORNEYS AND INSURANCE CARRIER AGENTS (H400-15)

H402  PUBLIC EDUCATION REGARDING THE IMPORTANCE AND SAFETY OF VACCINES FOR INFANTS, CHILDREN, AND ADULTS (H402-A/15)

H403  SUPPORT FOR THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON IMMUNIZATION PRACTICES (ACIP) RECOMMENDATIONS (H403-A/15)

Editorial Amendment: Line 12 no≠t

H404  VACCINATION RATES – DAYCARE NOTIFICATION TO PARENTS (H404-A/15)

H405  PROTECTION OF SAFE WATER SUPPLY (H405-A/15)

H407  VACCINES FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM (H408-A/15)

H409  INTRAUTERINE FETAL DEMISE AWARENESS (H410-A/15)

H411  AIRCRAFT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SUPPLIES (H412-A/15)

H412  ANIMALS IN MEDICAL RESEARCH (H413-A/15)

H419  GENETIC MANIPULATION OF FOOD PRODUCTS – CONSUMER’S RIGHT TO KNOW (H422-A/15)

H420  CONDOM USAGE – HEALTH EDUCATION (H423-A/15)

H421  SUPPORT OF LITERACY PROGRAMS (H424-A/15)

H422  TANNING DEVICES (H425-A/15)
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H423 TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUNDS (H426-A/15)
H426 DRUGS, CURBING COUNTERFEIT (H430-A/15)
H427 SLEEP DISORDERS – PROMOTING THE UNDERSTANDING AND PREVENTION OF (H432-A/15)
H429 INFANT WALKER (MOBILE) – BAN ON THE MANUFACTURE, SALE AND USE OF (H434-A/15)
H433 CHILDHOOD OBESITY – WORSENING EPIDEMIC IN THE AMERICAN SOCIETY (H438-A/15)
H434 IMMUNIZATIONS – MAINSTAY OF PREVENTIVE MEDICAL PRACTICE (H439-A/15)
H435 TEXTING WHILE DRIVING (H440-A/15)
H436 SILVER ALERT SYSTEM (H442-A/15)
H438 SCREENING FOR BREAST CANCER (H444-A/15)
H439 GENDER IDENTITY NON-DISCRIMINATION (H445-A/15)
H441 SUPPORT FOR FAMILY CAREGIVERS (H448-A/15)
H444 ADOPTING AND PROMOTING NON-STIGMATIZING LANGUAGE FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS
H445 AOA RESPONSE TO NOVEL PUBLIC HEALTH THREATS
Editorial Amendment: Line 17 healthcare HEALTHCARE
H446 BACKGROUND CHECKS AND FIREARMS SAFETY TRAINING AS A CONDITION OF FIREARMS PURCHASE
H452 REFERRED RESOLUTION: BREASTFEEDING WHILE ON MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT (MAT)

And I so move. APPROVED

H401 OSTEOPATHIC NAME AND IDENTITY (H401-A/15)

Mr. Speaker, I present for consideration Resolution No. H401, and the Committee recommends that it be APPROVED.

And I so move. ADOPTED
Mr. Speaker, I present for consideration Resolution No. H406, and the Committee recommends that it be APPROVED with the following AMENDMENTS:

Lines 8-10  … is a commitment to always use antibiotics only when they are MEDICALLY necessary to treat, and in some cases prevent, disease; to choose the right antibiotics; and to administer appropriately.

And I so move. ADOPTED

Mr. Speaker, I present for consideration Resolution No. H408, and the Committee recommends that it be APPROVED with the following AMENDMENTS:

Line 5  … endorses SUPPORTS the passage of primary…

And I so move. ADOPTED

Mr. Speaker, I present for consideration Resolution No. H413, and the Committee recommends that it be APPROVED with the following AMENDMENTS:

Lines 7-8  … from cancer. THE AOA and will disseminate to the medical community and the public it serves,..

And I so move. ADOPTED

Mr. Speaker, I present for consideration Resolution No. H414, and the Committee recommends that it be APPROVED with the following AMENDMENTS:

Line 4  H416-A/15  CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION, AND AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

Line 6  …(CPR) AND AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) TRAINING to the general public…

Line 7  … in basic life support so as to enable them to teach cardiopulmonary resuscitation AND AED courses on…

And I so move. ADOPTED
Mr. Speaker, I present for consideration Resolution No. H415, and the Committee recommends that it be APPROVED with the following AMENDMENTS:

Line 5  …supports the ADOPTION AND enforcement…

And I so move. ADOPTED

H416  DEATH – RIGHT TO DIE (H419-A/15)

Mr. Speaker, I present for consideration Resolution No. H416, and the Committee recommends that it be APPROVED with the following AMENDMENTS:

Line 4  H419-A/15  DEATH—RIGHT TO DIE END OF LIFE

Lines 7-8  …or THEIR his/her family or legal representative if the patient lacks capacity to act on THEIR his/her own

And I so move. ADOPTED

H417  ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY—WASTE MATERIALS (H420-A/15)

Mr. Speaker, I present for consideration Resolution No. H417, and the Committee recommends that it be APPROVED with the following AMENDMENTS:

Line 5  …supports the recycling of all recyclables.

And I so move. ADOPTED

H418  FIREARMS AND NON-POWDERED GUNS - EDUCATION FOR USERS (H421-A/15)

Mr. Speaker, I present for consideration Resolution No. H418, and the Committee recommends that it be APPROVED with the following AMENDMENTS:

Lines 10-11  …through the force OF COMPRESSED AIR OR GAS, ELECTRICITY, of air pressure, CO2 pressure, or spring action…

And I so move. ADOPTED
Mr. Speaker, I present for consideration Resolution No. H424, and the Committee recommends that it be APPROVED with the following AMENDMENTS:

Lines 8-10  ... (3) ENCOURAGING MEDIA-FREE TIME limiting non-educational use of television, computer, texting / telephones and video game to no more than 2 hours per day;...

And I so move. ADOPTED

Mr. Speaker, I present for consideration Resolution No. H425, and the Committee recommends that it be APPROVED with the following AMENDMENTS:

Lines 4-10  H429-A/15 IMMUNIZATION WITH HUMAN PAPILLOMA VIRUS VACCINE OF 9 TO 26 YEAR OLD MALE AND FEMALES WITH HUMAN PAPILLOMA VIRUS VACCINE

The American Osteopathic Association recommends SUPPORTS EDUCATION AND IMMUNIZATION for Human Papilloma Virus (HPV). immunization for both females and males, 9–26 45 years of age. 2010; reaffirmed 2015

And I so move. ADOPTED

Mr. Speaker, I present for consideration Resolution No. H428, and the Committee recommends that it be APPROVED with the following AMENDMENTS:

Page 2 Line 4  ...5) INFECTIOUS DISEASES (i.e., COVID-19, INFLUENZA, HIV/AIDS); HIV/AIDS and...

Page 2 lines 10-19

1. The creation of a forum THE EDUCATION OF PHYSICIANS REGARDING ABOUT to increase physician knowledge on racial and ethnic healthcare needs, including disparities in the areas listed above;

2. The elimination of provider stereotypical beliefs BIASES AMONG HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS that may play a role in clinical decision making THE PROMOTION OF EDUCATION REGARDING IMPLICIT OR EXPLICIT BIASES AMONG HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS that may play a role in clinical decision-making;

And I so move. ADOPTED
Mr. Speaker, I present for consideration Resolution No. H430, and the Committee recommends that it be APPROVED with the following AMENDMENTS:

Lines 7-8 …in-vitro fertilization set by the American Society of Reproductive medicine that

And I so move. ADOPTED

Mr. Speaker, I present for consideration Resolution No. H431, and the Committee recommends that it be APPROVED with the following AMENDMENTS:

Line 9 ….manner; AND (3)

Lines 10-15 …and (4) opposes all attempts to permit non-physicians to gain practice rights or expand their scope of practice to include complementary and alternative medicine practices. AND (4) OPPOSES ALL ATTEMPTS TO PERMIT NON-DO/MD PHYSICIANS TO GAIN ADDITIONAL PRACTICE RIGHTS OR EXPAND THEIR SCOPE OF PRACTICE TO INCLUDE COMPLEMENTARY AND ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE PRACTICES.

Explanatory Statement: This statement was added back into H431 because AOA should strongly oppose any expansion of scope of practice from non-physicians.

And I so move. REFERRED with all pending amendments (Bureau of Osteopathic Research and Public Health)

Mr. Speaker, I present for consideration Resolution No. H432, and the Committee recommends that it be APPROVED with the following AMENDMENTS:

Line 6 The American Osteopathic Association recommends the continued support of any and all…

And I so move. ADOPTED
Mr. Speaker, I present for consideration Resolution No. H437, and the Committee recommends that it be APPROVED with the following AMENDMENTS:

Line 4  H443-A/15 NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH (NIH) - GRANTS
Line 9  … MANIPULATIVE TREATMENT (OMT) IN THE…

And I so move. ADOPTED

Mr. Speaker, I present for consideration Resolution No. H440, and the Committee recommends that it be APPROVED with the following AMENDMENTS:

Line 5  The American Osteopathic Association (AOA) believes

And I so move. ADOPTED

Mr. Speaker, I present for consideration Resolution No. H442 and the Committee recommends that it be APPROVED with the following AMENDMENTS:

Line 2  policy be SUNSET REAFFIRMED.

Explanatory statement:  H448/2020 FIREARMS POLICY requires that all firearms policies “should be maintained and taken up for review and reconsideration by the House of Delegates on an individual basis.” Therefore, H442 should be reaffirmed.

And I so move. ADOPTED

Mr. Speaker, I present for consideration Resolution No. H447, and the Committee recommends that it be APPROVED with the following AMENDMENTS:

Line 10  …(AOA) will explicitly support

And I so move. ADOPTED
H448  FIREARMS POLICY

Mr. Speaker, I present for consideration Resolution No. H448, and the Committee recommends that it be APPROVED with the following AMENDMENTS:

Lines 16-20  RESOLVED, that the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) will develop a comprehensive white paper, which will include all current AOA policies relating to firearm violence, into a single, unified document which will be presented for review and consideration by the Bureau on Federal Health Policy (BFHP). This unifying white paper will be presented in lieu of developing a single firearm violence policy resolution; and

And I so move. REFERRED (to Bureau on Federal Health Programs)

H449  HOMELESS SUPPORT

Mr. Speaker, I present for consideration Resolution No. H449, and the Committee recommends that it be APPROVED with the following AMENDMENTS:

Page 1 Lines 1-2
WHEREAS, the state of California has a disproportionate share of homeless in the country; and

Page 1 Lines 10-14
WHEREAS, the public health and population health issues of the entire homeless population are providing a public health and population hazard to the community at large; and

WHEREAS, the lack of affordable and available housing for the homeless during and after implementation of comprehensive treatment programs has contributed to the unprecedented rise in the nation’s homelessness; and

Page 1 Line 15-16
WHEREAS, there are current ONGOING debates regarding cost effective housing programs which MAY include

Page 1 Line 17
comprehensive state OR and national strategy…

Page 1 Line 18
…as a comprehensive population health and public health problems and medical problems

Page 1 Lines 19-20
…to have essentially LITTLE OR no medical care…

Page 1 Line 25
...support for all
Page 1 Line 28
…social determinants of AFFECTING health…

Page 2 Lines 1-11
RESOLVED, that the AOA, with the guidance of the Department of Educational Affairs and any other relevant department(s), develop recommendations for curriculum and submit them to the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA), American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM), National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME), Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), and other educational entities at all levels of osteopathic medical education, including undergraduate, postgraduate, and osteopathic continuing medical education, in order to address healthcare issues related to clinical and social aspects of homelessness and report to the AOA House of Delegates at its July 2021 meeting.

And I so move. ADOPTED

H453 REFERRED SUNSET RESOLUTION: H-411 - A/2019: H413-A/14 EPIDEMIC TERRORIST ATTACK VICTIMS, GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITY OF HEALTH CARE

Mr. Speaker, I present for consideration Resolution No. H453, and the Committee recommends that it be APPROVED with the following AMENDMENTS:

Lines 10-11 …SUPPORTS ALL HEALTHCARE PERSONNEL AND FIRST RESPONDERS AND

And I so move. ADOPTED

H454 REFERRED SUNSET RESOLUTION: H429 A/14 MINORITIES, UNDERREPRESENTED (URM) – INCREASING NUMBERS OF APPLICANTS…

Mr. Speaker, I present for consideration Resolution No. H454, and the Committee recommends that it be APPROVED with the following AMENDMENTS:

Line 13 …by the year 2020 2025…

Line 14 …by the year 2025 2025.

And I so move. ADOPTED
Pamela Goldman, DO, Chair
David Best, DO, Vice chair

H455 REFERRED RESOLUTION: REGULATION OF E-CIGARETTES AND NICOTINE VAPING

Mr. Speaker, I present for consideration Resolution No. H455, and the Committee recommends that it be APPROVED with the following AMENDMENTS:

Page 5 Line 32-33
…the AOA encourages physicians to consider the health risks when recommending e-cigarettes to patients, to educate patients…

Page 5 Line 35
(www.safetyreporting.hhs.gov)

And I so move. ADOPTED

H443 ADDRESSING POLICE USE OF DISPROPORTIONATE FORCE

Mr. Speaker, I present for consideration Resolution No. H443, and the Committee recommends that it be REFERRED to Student Osteopathic Medical Association for review and comment.

Explanatory Statement: Refer back to SOMA to rewrite the Resolve statement to include the health implications of this policy.

And I so move. REFERRED (to Student Osteopathic Medical Association)

H450 MEDICAL AMNESTY FOR UNDERAGE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL

Mr. Speaker, I present for consideration Resolution No. H450, and the Committee recommends that it be REFERRED to the American Osteopathic Academy of Addiction Medicine for review and comment.

Explanatory Statement: Refer back to the American Osteopathic Academy of Addiction Medicine for clarification.

And I so move. REFERRED (American Osteopathic Academy of Addiction Medicine)

H458 OPPOSITION TO PATIENT DISCRIMINATION OF OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS BECAUSE OF RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, GENDER, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY OR NATIONAL ORIGIN

RES. NO. H458 WAS WITHDRAWN.

Explanatory Statement: Resolution H458 was withdrawn by the Iowa delegation prior to the meeting of the Public Affairs Reference Committee.

And I so move.
Mr. Speaker, I present for consideration Resolution No. H410, and the Committee recommends that it be DISAPPROVED. To begin discussion, I move that it be approved.

**Explanatory Statement:** The addition of a bittering agent to antifreeze is now the law in all 50 states so this policy is no longer needed.

And I so move. **Resolution H410 NOT ADOPTED**

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Mr. Speaker, I present for consideration Resolution No. H451, and the Committee recommends that it be DISAPPROVED. To begin discussion, I move that it be approved.

**Explanatory Statement:** Current AOA policy (H414-A/16 CHILDHOOD AND TEENAGE SEXUAL EXPOSURE) exists which addresses this issue: “…(2) encourages osteopathic physicians to support the development of curriculum by local, state and national educational organizations that will lead to the prevention of unwanted pregnancy and transmission of disease, using medically appropriate measures, preferably abstinence and avoidance of high risk sexual behavior,…”

And I so move. **Resolution H451 WITHDRAWN**

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Mr. Speaker, I present for consideration Resolution No. H456, and the Committee recommends that it be DISAPPROVED. To begin discussion, I move that it be approved.

**Explanatory Statement:** The resolution was referred back to Michigan at the 2019 HOD meeting for “clarity and direction.” However, the Committee believes that the resolution does not adequately define “healthcare as a human right” versus “health as a human right” and does not address the legal implications of defining healthcare as a human right.

And I so move. **Resolution H456 NOT ADOPTED**

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Mr. Speaker, I present for consideration Resolution No. H457, and the Committee recommends that it be DISAPPROVED. To begin discussion, I move that it be approved.


And I so move. **Resolution H457 WITHDRAWN**
Mr. Speaker, this concludes the Committee’s report. I would like to thank the members of the Committee.

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