

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution: 508
(A-24)

Introduced by: Mississippi

Subject: AMA to support regulations to decrease overdoses in children due to ingestion of edible cannabis

Referred to: Reference Committee E

1 Whereas, the American Association of Poison Control Centers shows more than 7,000
2 confirmed cases of kids younger than six years old who have eaten marijuana edibles were
3 reported to the nation's poison control centers between 2017 and 2021; and
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5 Whereas, edibles are often packaged to look like candy or cookies and children unaware of the
6 risks may find them appealing; and
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8 Whereas, consuming too much cannabis can lead to serious health problems in children
9 including confusion, hallucinations, tachycardia and vomiting, and in severe cases children can
10 experience trouble breathing or even coma; therefore be it
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12 RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association work with the Food and Drug
13 Administration to strengthen how marijuana manufacturers can advertise their products,
14 including regulations that ensure the packaging does not appeal to children (Directive to Take
15 Action); and be it further
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17 RESOLVED, that our AMA propose public awareness campaigns aimed at informing the
18 general population, especially parents and guardians, about the risks associated with edible
19 cannabis and the importance of safe storage and handling (Directive to Take Action); and be it
20 further
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22 RESOLVED, that our AMA emphasize the importance of childproof packaging for all cannabis
23 products, along with advocating for stricter regulations to enforce this requirement. (New HOD
24 Policy)
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Fiscal Note: Modest - between \$1,000 - \$5,000

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