

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FIFTY-THIRD SESSION**

BILL NO. 53-51

INTRODUCED BY: Noffsinger

SECONDED BY: Fish

A BILL TO: Support a Change to the Food & Drug Administration's Current Blood Donor Deferral Policy for MSM Donors

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACT:

WHEREAS, ABTS is student advocacy organization, comprised of all 14 Big Ten Conference schools, that works to create solutions for some of the most pressing issues found on Big Ten campuses through collaboration and support of Federal policies; and,

WHEREAS, There are five resolutions being introduced by an array of member schools at the February 3-5, 2017 ABTS Spring Conference, addressing issues ranging from college affordability to campus sexual assault; and,

WHEREAS, ASMSU has already officially expressed its support for two resolutions, one calling upon the continuation of Title IX guidelines, and another calling for the support of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals; and,

WHEREAS, ASMSU should also support ABTS legislation calling for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to change its blood donor policies toward men who have sex with other men (MSM) so that these individuals no longer face an indefinite ban on donating blood; and,

WHEREAS, Recognizing scientific evidence that refutes a lifetime blood donation ban on gay men, numerous professional medical organizations such as the American Red Cross, American Medical Association, and American Blood Centers have supported other countries, such as the United Kingdom, changing their policies to a one year deferral; therefore be it,

RESOLVED, The Associated Students of Michigan State University (ASMSU) stands by other ABTS members in supporting an end to a lifetime ban on MSM blood donation due to the discriminatory nature of the policy and the restrictions it places on the available blood supply.

INTRODUCED ON 02/2/17

REFERRED FROM _____ **ON** _____

SPECIAL ACTION TAKEN Sent to GA **DATE** _____

COMMITTEE ACTION _____

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FINAL ACTION TAKEN	X		Voice-majority	02/2/17

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PRESIDENT **VPIA**