ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

FIFTY-THIRD SESSION

BILL NO. 53-10

INTRODUCED BY: Noffsinger SECONDED BY: White

A RESOLUTION TO: Support the Decriminalization of Minor in Possession Offenses

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACT:

WHEREAS, After PA No. 63 was signed into law in 2004, Michigan became one of the states with the strongest minor in possession (MIP) laws as minors are now prosecuted for having consumed alcohol not only in the present, but also the past; and,

WHEREAS, An MIP is a criminal misdemeanor in the state of Michigan, meaning those charged with the offense have criminal records and their ability to qualify for scholarships and jobs is negatively affected; and,

WHEREAS, The legal and probationary process of having an MIP removed from an individual's record is costly and timely; and,

WHEREAS, SB 332, a bill to amend 1998 PA 58 entitled, “Michigan’s liquor control code of 1998,” would decriminalize MIP’s as prosecutors would have the option of issuing a civil infraction to offenders on the first offense; and,

WHEREAS, SB 332 passed the Michigan Senate by a vote of 36 years to 2 nays on March 3, 2016 and has now been referred to the Michigan House Committee on Criminal Justice where action hasn’t been taken since March 3, 2016; therefore be it,

RESOLVED, The Associated Students of Michigan State University (ASMSU) urges the Michigan Legislature to hold a hearing and eventually pass legislation that will provide more reasonable and fair punishment for those charged with an MIP.

INTRODUCED ON 09/15/2016

REFERRED TO N/A COMMITTEE ON _______________

SPECIAL ACTION TAKEN Sent to GA DATE 09/15/2016

COMMITTEE ACTION PASSED FAILED VOTE DATE

FINAL ACTION TAKEN X Voice-Majority 09/15/2016

PRESIDENT ____________________ VPIA ____________________