

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

FIFTY-FIFTH SESSION

BILL NO. 55-09

INTRODUCED BY: WIEBRECHT

SECONDED BY: HORNE

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

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACT:

WHEREAS, The FDA's current policy on blood donation from MSM donors states that blood donation establishments shall, "Defer for 12 months from the most recent contact a man who has had sex with another man during the past 12 months"; and

WHEREAS, This policy has a historically discriminatory origin, originating during the HIV/AIDS crisis in the 1980s; and

WHEREAS, The one year deferral does not adequately address or mitigate the discriminatory nature of the ban, and further stigmatizes and targets gay men, almost insinuating that HIV/AIDS is something that is limited to the LGBT community; and

WHEREAS, This one year deferral policy is almost as exclusive as a lifetime ban; and

WHEREAS, More than 615,000 pints of blood are turned away each year due to the donors being either gay or bisexual; and

WHEREAS, It is estimated that this blood could help to save the lives of 1.8 million people annually; and

WHEREAS, Many college students at MSU and across the Big Ten find themselves unable to not only donate blood, but also unable to participate in official blood donation challenges between schools; and

WHEREAS, In the 53rd Session of ASMSU, a bill was passed in support of changing this policy and in support of the Association of Big Ten Students (ABTS) legislation in the Winter of 2017 addressing this policy; and

WHEREAS, It is essential to continue to advocate for these issues and for LGBT and marginalized students as one of the most important and inclusive bodies of representation for these students here at MSU; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Associated Students of Michigan State University will continue to advocate for an end to the discriminatory one year deferral policy of the FDA for MSM blood donors, and therefore be it further

RESOLVED, That the Associated Students of Michigan State University will sponsor or co-sponsor legislation to this end at the coming ABTS Winter Conference in 2019.

INTRODUCED ON 10/11/18

REFERRED TO Policy COMMITTEE ON 10/11/18

COMMITTEE ACTION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		voice	10/11/18
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FINAL ACTION TAKEN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		voice	10/18/18
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