Whereas, Under current regulations, manufacturers can make wide-ranging claims about their products' effectiveness in killing germs; and

Whereas, Chemicals used in hand sanitizers may affect the reproductive system or the production of hormones; and

Whereas, The National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health maintains that washing with soap and water is the most effective way to kill germs; and

Whereas, The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is undertaking a review of health care and consumer antiseptic rubs and wash products, and final rules on both health care and consumer antiseptic rubs were issued in 2017 determining that certain active ingredients used in antiseptic products are not generally recognized as safe and effective; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association urge the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to continue to study the use of hand sanitizers in clinical settings, including the risks and benefits to patients and health care professionals. (Directive to Take Action)

Fiscal Note: Not yet determined

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