Whereas, In recent years there has been an influx of substances legally into convenience and
grocery stores for the retail sale of these products intended for recreational use and abuse by
the public but not regulated in any formal fashion regarding this use; and

Whereas, We are living in a time deemed an opioid crisis; and

Whereas, Just in recent years significant time and financial resources have been spent trying to
combat the over-the-counter sales of bath salts, kratom and most recently tianeptine; therefore
be it

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association advocate for the implementation of a
national impact on substance abuse by working on model state legislation for state level
screening and approval programs to fall under the authority of the State Health Officer which
would bestow the authority on his/her office to approve or deny the over-the-counter availability
and/or sales of any substance with the potential to be recreationally used and/or abused based
on anecdotal, scientific or any other relevant and available evidence to help determine such
approval or denial. An appeals process, should one be necessary, would be available by way of
appeal to the Board of Health directly by the manufacturer or distributor of such substance that
was denied by the State Health Officer initially (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA work with stakeholders to create a public education campaign
regarding these unregulated substances. (Directive to Take Action)

Fiscal Note: Not yet determined

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