

SUBJECT: Extension of the Shelf Life Extension Program (SLEP) by the FDA

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REFERRED TO:

- 1 WHEREAS, the healthcare system faces a multitude of medication shortages and high
- 2 medication prices; and
- 3 WHEREAS, the FDA's Shelf Life Extension Program (SLEP) has 34 years of data
- 4 supporting the extension of shelf life for over 122 medications by an average of 5.5
- 5 years; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the FDA's program cost \$3.1 million annually to save the federal
- 7 government \$2.1 billion annually in medications that do not need discarded; and
- 8 WHEREAS, all hospital and retail pharmacies are held to the same environmental
- 9 control standards for the storage of medications that the federal government is
- 10 subjected to; and
- 11 WHEREAS, a significant increase in the availability of medications would occur if FDA
- 12 expanded the SLEP program to all civilian hospital and retail pharmacies; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the safe extension of expiration dating on medications would result in a
- 14 significant annual cost savings to the US healthcare system; now, therefore be it
- 15 RESOLVED, that the Ohio Osteopathic Association petition the US Food and Drug
- 16 Administration (FDA) and the Congress of the United States for the expansion of the
- 17 Shelf Life Extension Program to all civilian hospital and retail pharmacies

ACTION TAKEN: _____

DATE: _____

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