



Report on Public Policy Position

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Criminal Law Section

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Bill Number:

SB 263 (Hammerstrom) Crime victims; statements; hearsay rule; exempt certain statements of domestic violence victims. Amends [1927 PA 175](#) (MCL [760.1](#) - [777.69](#)) by adding secs. 27a & 27b to ch. VIII.

Date position was adopted:

March 15, 2005

Process used to take the ideological position:

SB 263 was circulated among the council members, fully discussed. The Chair entertained a motion and one to oppose the bill was made. After discussion the motion carried by voice vote, no opposition was expressed.

Number of members in the decision-making body:

18

Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:

motion to oppose passed without opposition

FOR SECTIONS ONLY:

- ✓ This subject matter of this position is within the jurisdiction of the section.
- ✓ The position was adopted in accordance with the Section's bylaws.
- ✓ The requirements of SBM Bylaw Article VIII have been satisfied.

If the boxes above are checked, SBM will notify the Section when this notice is received, at which time the Section may advocate the position.

Position:

Oppose SB 263

The text (may be provided by hyperlink) of any legislation, court rule, or administrative regulation that is the subject of or referenced in this report:

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.asp?page=getObject&objName=2005-SB-0263>

RECOMMEND STATE BAR ACTION ON THIS ISSUE:

Arguments for the position:

None reported.

Arguments against the position (if any):

None reported.

If the State Bar currently has a position on this subject matter, state the position, and an analysis of whether the recommended position and the current State Bar position are in conflict.

The State Bar of Michigan has scheduled SB 263 for review on April 22, 2005.

Fiscal implications of the recommended policy to the State Bar of Michigan:

None reported.

FOR LEGISLATIVE ISSUES ONLY:

This position falls within the following Keller-permissible category:

- The regulation and discipline of attorneys
- ✓ The improvement of the functioning of the courts
- The availability of legal services to society
- The regulation of attorney trust accounts
- The regulation of the legal profession, including the education, the ethics, the competency, and the integrity of the profession.

Keller- permissible explanation: