CRIMINAL LAW SECTION Respectfully submits the following position on:

HB 4505

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The Criminal Law Section is not the State Bar of Michigan itself, but rather a Section which members of the State Bar choose voluntarily to join, based on common professional interest.

The position expressed is that of the Criminal Law Section only and is not the position of the State Bar of Michigan.

To date, the State Bar does not have a position on this matter.

The total membership of the Criminal Law Section is 2,508.

The position was adopted after discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. The number of members in the decision-making body is 24. The number who voted in favor to this position was 14. The number who voted opposed to this position was 1.

Report on Public Policy Position

Name of section:

Criminal Law Section

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Bill Number:

<u>HB 4505</u> (Lucido) Criminal procedure; forfeiture; evidentiary standard for certain drug forfeitures; modify. Amends sec. 7521 of <u>1978 PA 368</u> (MCL <u>333.7521</u>).

Date position was adopted:

November 17, 2015

Process used to take the ideological position:

Position adopted after discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting.

Number of members in the decision-making body:

24

Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:

- 14 Voted for position
- 1 Voted against position
- 0 Abstained from vote
- 9 Did not vote (absent)

Position:

Support

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:

The CLS Council voted to support HB 4505, which was signed by the Governor as PA 154 '15.

The text of any legislation, court rule, or administrative regulation that is the subject of or referenced in this report.

http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2015-HB-4505