

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMITTEE
Respectfully submits the following position on:

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HB 4622
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The Domestic Violence Committee is comprised of members appointed by the President of the State Bar of Michigan.

The position expressed is that of the Domestic Violence Committee only and is not an official position of the State Bar of Michigan, nor does it necessarily reflect the views of all members of the State Bar of Michigan.

The State Bar position on this matter is to support the bill

The total membership of the Domestic Violence Committee 18.

The position was adopted after discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. The number of members in the decision-making body is 18. The number who voted in favor to this position was 10. The number who voted opposed to this position was 0.

Report on Public Policy Position**Name of Committee:**

Domestic Violence Committee

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Bill Number:

[HB 4622](#) (Hovey-Wright) Civil procedure; personal protection orders; personal protection orders for victims of human trafficking; provide for. Amends sec. 2950a of [1961 PA 236](#) (MCL [600.2950a](#)).

Date position was adopted:

July 10, 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:

18

Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:

10 Voted for position

0 Voted against position

0 Abstained from vote

8 Did not vote (absent)

Position:

Support

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:

The DV Committee believes that this bill will be useful to a subset of trafficking victims who do not otherwise qualify for a PPO under the current DV provisions.

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-4622>

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:

This bill provides for the increased availability of legal services by increasing the pool of individuals that may apply for a PPO.