

FAMILY LAW SECTION

Respectfully submits the following position on:

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HB 4622

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

The State Bar's position in this matter is to support the bill.

The total membership of the Family Law Section is 3,047.

The position was adopted after discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. The number of members in the decision-making body is 21. The number who voted in favor to this position was 14. The number who voted opposed to this position was 0. The number who abstained from voting was 0.

Report on Public Policy Position

Name of section:

Family Law Section

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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:

June 6, 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:

21

Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:

14 Voted for position

0 Voted against position

0 Abstained from vote

7 Did not vote (absent)

Position:

Support

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:

HB 4622 amends MCL 600.2950a and authorizes courts to issue a non-domestic relationship personal protection order to victims of human trafficking as defined under the human trafficking criminal statutes, MCL 750.462a - 750.462h. The amendment is necessary because many trafficking victims do not have a domestic relationship with the perpetrator and would not qualify for a PPO under MCL 600.2950. The Family Law Section believes it is important to protect such victims and support the bill.

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>