NEGLIGENCE LAW SECTION
Respectfully submits the following position on:

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SB 0288

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The Negligence 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 Negligence 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 Negligence Law Section is 2,017.

The position was adopted after an electronic discussion and vote. The number of members in the decision-making body is 15. The number who voted in favor to this position was 7. The number who voted opposed to this position was 2. The number who abstained from voting was 1.

Report on Public Policy Position

Name of section:
Negligence Law Section

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Bill Number:
SB 0288 (Smith) Insurance; no-fault; low-cost automobile insurance program; provide for. Amends secs. 3101, 3104, 3113, 3114, 3115, 3135, 3301 & 3310 of 1956 PA 218 (MCL 500.3101 et seq.) & adds ch. 32A.

Date position was adopted:
April 20, 2015

Process used to take the ideological position:
Position adopted after an electronic discussion and vote

Number of members in the decision-making body:
15

Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:
7 Voted for position
2 Voted against position
1 Abstained from vote
5 Did not vote (absent)

Position:
Oppose

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:
While there is sympathy for Detroit residents who are paying astronomical auto insurance rates, the legislation fails to address the root causes of those rates and merely tries to solve the problem by significantly reducing auto no-fault benefits.

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-SB-0288