

**Public Policy Position
HB 6159**

The Negligence Law Section is a voluntary membership section of the State Bar of Michigan, comprised of 1,806 members. The Negligence Law Section is not the State Bar of Michigan and the position expressed herein is that of the Negligence Law Section only and not the State Bar of Michigan. To date, the State Bar does not have a position on this item.

The Negligence Law Section has a public policy decision-making body with 17 members. On September 7, 2020, the Section adopted its position after an electronic discussion and vote. 11 members voted in favor of the Section's position on HB 6159, 0 members voted against this position, 0 members abstained, 6 members did not vote.

Oppose**Explanation:**

The bill would provide retroactive immunity from civil liability, which the section strongly opposes. Moreover, the legislation is an unnecessary addition to existing civil liability protections that apply during a state of emergency and therefore would only create confusion in Michigan courts.

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