



STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN

**PUBLIC POLICY POSITION**

**Bill Number:**

[HB 4869](#) (Schor) Courts; juries; physicians to be exempt from jury duty in certain circumstances; provide for. Amends sec. 1307a of 1961 PA 236 (MCL 600.1307a).

**Date position was adopted:**

November 20, 2015

**Board of Commissioners Vote:**

Unanimous

**Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:**

The Board voted unanimously to oppose HB 4869 because one profession should not receive a special exemption from jury service. Jury service is a duty to be shared by all citizens of the state, and the system is already flexible enough to accommodate individuals, regardless of profession, who have extraordinary circumstances and need their jury service deferred to a time that is more convenient.