

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

Family Law Section

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[HB 4844](#) (Pettalia) Civil procedure; personal protection orders; statewide personal protection order registry; create, and provide for law enforcement information network (LEIN) access. Amends secs. 2950 & 2950a of [1961 PA 236](#) (MCL [600.2950](#) & [600.2950a](#)) & adds sec. 2950n.

Date position was adopted:

November 5, 2011

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:

19 Voted for position

0 Voted against position

0 Abstained from vote

2 Did not vote

Position:

Oppose

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:

HB 4844 requires the state to create a publicly accessible website to register Personal Protection Orders, and requires law enforcement agencies to enter PPOs on the public website at the same time as the PPOs are entered on the LEIN system. This violates a provision of the federal Violence Against Women Act, and would endanger federal funding for domestic violence programs. The registry might also have repercussions against victims of domestic violence. For example, a landlord, employer, child care provider, or others may not wish to do business with a victim of domestic violence for fear that the perpetrator may cause problems at their location. Judges may be more hesitant to issue PPOs if they knew that the orders would cause the restrained party public embarrassment. The Family Law Section opposes this 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?2011-HB-4844>