



# STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN

## Member Comment

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### Bill Number:

HB 4467 (Condino) Civil procedure; statute of limitations; civil action for damages resulting from criminal sexual conduct against a minor; extend tolling of statute of limitations. Amends sec. 5851 of 1961 PA 236 (MCL 600.5851).

### Date comment submitted:

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### Member Position:

I have had limited experience representing women who were abused. I discovered that these women were generally in their 30s by the time they had the emotional strength to deal with the abuse issue. I believe that the statute should be extended to allow these women to present their claims once they have gathered the emotional strength to confront their abusers.

### State Bar of Michigan Position:

Oppose in Principle. Due to the length of time the statute of limitations would be extended, the due process rights of the defendant may be violated.