

## Report on Public Policy Position

**Name of section:**

Negligence Law Section

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**Bill Number:**

[SB 0524](#) (Proos) Torts; other; "Good Samaritan" law; expand to include certified lifeguards. Amends [1963 PA 17](#) (MCL [691.1501](#) - [691.1507](#)) by adding sec. 6.

**Date position was adopted:**

October 25, 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:**

15

**Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:**

13 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:**

The bill would extend Good Samaritan protections from liability to lifeguards while they are on duty and being paid for their services. This is an unprecedented extension of the Good Samaritan principle.

**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-SB-0524>