

PRISONS & CORRECTIONS SECTION
Respectfully submits the following position on:

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SB 0591

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The position expressed is that of the Prisons & Corrections Section only and is not the position of the State Bar of Michigan.

The State Bar of Michigan's position is to support the bill.

The total membership of the Prisons & Corrections Section is 140.

The position was adopted after discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. The number of members in the decision-making body is 15. The number who voted in favor to this position was 10. The number who voted opposed to this position was 0. The number who abstained was 1.

Report on Public Policy Position

Name of Section:

Prisons & Corrections Section

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Bill Numbers:

[SB 0591](#) (Proos) Criminal procedure; expunction; setting aside criminal conviction on grounds of being a victim of human trafficking; allow under certain circumstances. Amends secs. 1, 2 & 4 of [1965 PA 213](#) (MCL [780.621](#) et seq.).

Date position was adopted:

March 1, 2014

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:

10 Voted for position

0 Voted against position

1 Abstained from vote

4 Did not vote

Position:

Support

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:

The Section supports SB 591, which would broaden expungement opportunities for convictions stemming from offenses committed while the offender was a victim of a human trafficking violation. The Section believes that such opportunities are essential to meet the goals of rehabilitation and reintegration of offenders into society. However, the Section believes that the legislation should go even further in providing additional expungement opportunities beyond this narrow group offenders. This is consistent with the Policy taken by the Section on April 6, 2013, supporting HB 4186.

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?2013-SB-0519>