

FAMILY LAW SECTION
Respectfully submits the following position on:

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HB 5508 – HB 5509

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The Family Law Section is not the State Bar of Michigan itself, but rather a Section which members of the State Bar choose voluntarily to join, based on common professional interest.

The position expressed is that of the Family Law Section only and is not the position of the State Bar of Michigan.

To date, the State Bar does not have a position on this matter.

The total membership of the Family Law Section is 2,481.

The position was adopted after discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. The number of members in the decision-making body is 21. The number who voted in favor to this position was 17. The number who voted opposed to this position was 0. The number who abstained from voting was 1.

Report on Public Policy Position

Name of Section:

Family Law Section

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Bill Number:

[HB 5508](#) (Zorn) Family law; child support; office of child support to develop an electronically accessible registry containing names of individuals with outstanding child support to intercept gambling winnings; establish. Amends sec. 3 of [1971 PA 174](#) (MCL [400.233](#)).

[HB 5509](#) (MacGregor) Gaming; casinos; distribution of casino winnings for child support arrearages; update to reflect payment to the state disbursement unit. Amends title & sec. 3 of 1996 IL 1 (MCL [432.203](#)) & adds sec. 9e.

Date position was adopted:

May 3, 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:

21

Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:

17 Voted for position

0 Voted against position

1 Abstained from vote

3 Did not vote

Position:

Support

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:

HBs 5508 and 5509 require the Office of Child Support to work with the Department of Treasury to create a secure registry of persons owing past due child support so that gaming casinos can intercept winnings in appropriate cases. 5509 sets up an objection process, so that the payer can contest the distribution of proceeds before they are released.

The Section supports these bills in concept.

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?2014-HB-5508>

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