

Report on Public Policy Position

Name of section:

Family Law Section

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Bill Number:

[HB 6189](#) (Byrum) Family law; other; eligible domestic relations order; remove requirement that social security number be included in order. Amends sec. 2 of [1991 PA 46](#) (MCL [38.1702](#)).

Date position was adopted:

June 7, 2008

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:

18 Voted for position

0 Voted against position

0 Abstained from vote

3 Did not vote

Position:

Support

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:

HB 6189 amends the Eligible Domestic Relations Order Act to eliminate the requirement of placing the parties' social security numbers and other identifying information in Eligible Domestic Relations Orders. This requirement exposed the parties to possible identity theft because court orders are public records, accessible to the general public. HB 6189 provides that the necessary identifying information shall be provided in a separate attachment which is not part of the court order. This procedure gives the retirement system the information that they need without placing the parties' identifying information in the public record. The Family Law Section supports 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?2008-HB-6189>