

Report on Public Policy Position

Name of section:

Negligence Law

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Bill Number:

[SB 0191](#) (Caswell) Civil procedure; costs and fees; attorney contingency fees; require to be based on a sliding scale. Amends sec. 919 of [1961 PA 236](#) (MCL [600.919](#)).

Date position was adopted:

March 7, 2011

Process used to take the ideological position:

Position adopted after an electronic discussion and vote

Number of members in the decision-making body:

13

Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:

8 Voted for position

0 Voted against position

0 Abstained from vote

5 Did not vote

Position:

Oppose

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:

The Section Council believes that the bill is detrimental to the availability of legal representation. Further, some there is a concern that the bill is stepping into an area that is the sole realm of the Michigan Supreme Court.

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-0191>