

**Public Policy Position
HB 5148**

The Family Law Section is a voluntary membership section of the State Bar of Michigan, comprised of 2,453 members. The Family Law Section is not the State Bar of Michigan and the position expressed herein is that of the Family Law Section only and not the State Bar of Michigan. To date, the State Bar does not have a position on this item.

The Family Law Section has a public policy decision-making body with 21 members. On November 2, 2019, the Section adopted its position after a discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. 18 members voted in favor of the Section's position on HB 5148, 0 members voted against this position, 2 members abstained, 1 member did not vote.

Support

Explanation:

HB 5148 amends sec. 55, ch. X of 1939 PA 288 (MCL 710.55) to expressly authorize and permit adoption attorneys to advertise their services, which the existing statute prohibits anyone other than a prospective adoptive parent or biological parent from advertising for, soliciting, or recruiting adoptive parents or guardians. Adoption attorneys, like any other attorney, should be free to advertise their services, including maintaining websites, consistent with the Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct.

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