Report on Public Policy Position

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Prisons & Corrections Section

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Bill Number:

<u>HB 4374</u> (Meadows) Corrections; prisoners; commutation hearings and procedures; clarify provision regarding medical commutations. Amends sec. 44 of 1953 PA 232 (MCL 791.244).

<u>HB 4375</u> (Meadows) Corrections; prisoners; commutation hearings and procedures; expedite for prisoners who are terminally ill. Amends sec. 35 of <u>1953 PA 232</u> (MCL <u>791.235</u>).

SB 0232 (Jones) Corrections; prisoners; commutation hearings and procedures; expedite for prisoners who are terminally ill. Amends sec. 35 of 1953 PA 232 (MCL 791.235).

SB 0233 (Jones) Corrections; prisoners; commutation hearings and procedures; clarify provision regarding medical commutations. Amends sec. 44 of 1953 PA 232 (MCL 791.244).

Date position was adopted:

November 5, 2011

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:

14

Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:

- 9 Voted for position
- 0 Voted against position
- 0 Abstained from vote
- 5 Did not vote

Position:

Support and Amend

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:

On November 5, 2011, the Section took a position supporting HB 4374/75 and SB 232/33 (2011-2012) regarding medical commutations and expedited procedures in connection with same, with an amendment that would delete the exclusion of incarcerated sex offenders from the expedited procedures. This position is consistent with that taken by the Section on Jan. 8, 2011, in Sec. 8 of its position statement entitled "Parole Board and Commutation Process."

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-HB-4374

http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2011-HB-4375

http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2011-SB-0232

http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2011-SB-0233