

# Report on Public Policy Position

#### Name of Section:

Elder Law & Advocacy Section

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## Bill Number:

**SB 229** (Hammerstrom) Insurance; health care corporations; coverage for certain mental health and substance abuse treatment; provide that coverage cannot be more restrictive than coverage for medical treatment. Amends 1980 PA 350 (MCL 550.1101 - 550.1704) by adding sec. 416e.

**SB 230** (Hammerstrom) Insurance; health; coverage for certain mental health and substance abuse treatment; provide that coverage cannot be more restrictive than coverage for medical treatment. Amends 1956 PA 218 (MCL 500.100 - 500.8302) by adding sec. 3406s.

# Date position was adopted:

10/7/06

# Process used to take the ideological position:

Vote of Council at a regular Council meeting.

## Number of members in the decision-making body:

13

# Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:

13 in favor, no opposition

### Position:

The Section supports the two noted "Mental Health Parity" Bills that provide added medical coverage for persons who require mental health services.

The text (may be provided by hyperlink) of any legislation, court rule, or administrative regulation that is the subject of or referenced in this report:

http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2005-SB-0229 http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2005-SB-0230