



Report on Public Policy Position

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Bill Number:

HB 4217 (Jones) Consumer protection; unfair trade practices; application of Michigan consumer protection act to actions expressly permitted by law; clarify. Amends sec. 4 of 1976 PA 331 (MCL 445.904).

Date position was adopted:

March 8, 2007

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:

15 (11 in attendance)

Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:

11 Voted for position

0 Voted against position

0 Abstained from vote

4 Did not vote

Position:

Support with recommended amendments

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:

We support the effort to revitalize the MPCA by eliminating the broad exemption created by the Globe Life case, but we are concerned that the language of HB 4217 may be susceptible to an interpretation which fails to accomplish that purpose. We believe that the goal would be better accomplished by eliminating Section 4(1)(a).

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?2007-HB-4217>