

## Report on Public Policy Position

**Name of section:**

Probate & Estate Planning Section

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**Bill number:**

[SB 0885](#) (Van Woerkom) Probate; wills and estates; final disposition of decedent remains; require that directions left by a decedent be followed. Amends [1998 PA 386](#) (MCL [700.1101](#) - [700.8102](#)) by adding sec. 3210.

**Date position was adopted:**

October 24, 2009

**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:**

23

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

15 Voted for position

0 Voted against position

0 Abstained from vote

8 Did not vote

**Position:**

Support and Amend

**Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:**

The Council supports SB 885 if it were modified to authorize a single individual to make funeral decisions.

**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?2009-SB-0885>