Report on Public Policy Position

Name of section:

Prisons and Corrections Section

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Bill Number:

<u>HB 4509</u> (Meadows) Corrections; prisoners; commutation hearings and procedures; expedite for commutations based on physical or mental incapacity or if prisoner is terminally ill. Amends sec. 44 of <u>1953 PA 232</u> (MCL 791.244).

<u>HB 4510</u> (Jones, Rick) Corrections; prisoners; commutation hearings and procedures; clarify provision regarding medical commutations. Amends sec. 35 of <u>1953 PA 232</u> (MCL <u>791.235</u>).

Date position was adopted:

February 6, 2010

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

Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:

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

Position:

Support and Amend

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:

Support with a recommendation that the bills be amended to remove the exclusion for sex offenders.

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-HB-4509

http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2009-HB-4510