

Public Policy Position
HB 4067

The Family Law Section is a voluntary membership section of the State Bar of Michigan, comprised of 2,605 members. The Family Law Section is not the State Bar of Michigan and the position expressed herein is that of the Family Law Section only and not the State Bar of Michigan. To date, the State Bar does not have a position on this item.

The Family Law Section has a public policy decision-making body with 21 members. On March 2, 2025, the Section adopted its position after a discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. 14 members voted in favor of the Section's position, 0 members voted against this position, 5 members abstained, 2 members did not vote.

Oppose as Drafted

Explanation:

The Family Law Section opposes HB 4067 as drafted but supports the consideration of infant safety devices in connection with broader amendments to the Safe Delivery of Newborns Law. As a whole, the Family Law Section Council is skeptical of whether newborn safety devices are necessary but does recognize that they can potentially lend toward the anonymity which is part of SDNL. The Council, though, believes that there are much broader amendments to SDNL which are needed both to ensure better anonymity and confidentiality of surrendering parents and to allow greater due process protections for nonsurrendering parents. We recognize that newborn safety devices may have a role in those broader amendments and would recommend that HB 4067 be considered along with more substantial SDNL amendments which the Section will be proposing.

Contact Person: Josh Pease

Email: jpease@sado.org