

Public Policy Position
HB 5300 – HB 5303

The LGBTQ+ Law Section is a voluntary membership section of the State Bar of Michigan, comprised of 260 members. The LGBTQ+ Law Section is not the State Bar of Michigan and the position expressed herein is that of the LGBTQ+ Law Section only and not the State Bar of Michigan. The State Bar's position is to support HB 5300. The State Bar does not have a position on HB 5301, 5302, and 5303.

The LGBTQ+ Law Section has a public policy decision-making body with 15 members. On February 1, 2024, the Section adopted its position after an electronic discussion and vote. 8 members voted in favor of the Section's position, 0 members voted against this position, 0 members abstained, 7 members did not vote.

Support

Explanation:

The LGBTQ+ Law Section supports this package of bills as necessary changes to state law to more easily permit trans, non-binary, two spirit, and other LGBTQ+ people to change their gender markers and legal names on official documents such as birth certificates, drivers licenses, and state identification cards. This will reduce incidents of deadnaming and misgendering in public. Additionally, these changes will better protect our LGBTQ+ clients' privacy once changes are made, a vital safety issue for LGBTQ+ people who may move to other states and choose not to reveal their trans identities for their own safety.

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