

CRIMINAL LAW SECTION
Respectfully submits the following position on:

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SB 0841 – SB 0844

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The Criminal Law Section is not the State Bar of Michigan itself, but rather a Section which members of the State Bar choose voluntarily to join, based on common professional interest.

The position expressed is that of the Criminal Law Section only and is not the position of the State Bar of Michigan.

To date, the State Bar does not have a position on this matter.

The total membership of the Criminal Law Section is 2,186.

The position was adopted after discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. The number of members in the decision-making body is 27. The number who voted in favor to this position was 19. The number who voted opposed to this position was 3.

Report on Public Policy Position

Name of Section:

Criminal Law Section

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Bill Number:

[SB 0841](#) (Jones) Crimes; penalties; penalties for certain violations involving food assistance; revise, and provide for forfeiture of property obtained in the violation. Amends sec. 300a of [1931 PA 328](#) (MCL [750.300a](#)).

[SB 0842](#) (Jones) Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; sentencing guidelines for crime of food stamp fraud; revise to reflect increased penalties. Amends sec. 16o, ch. XVII of [1927 PA 175](#) (MCL [777.16o](#)).

[SB 0843](#) (Jones) Human services; other; inspector general within the department of human services to appoint agents with limited arrest powers and the powers conferred on peace officers; allow. Amends sec. 43b of [1939 PA 280](#) (MCL [400.43b](#)).

[SB 0844](#) (Jones) Weapons; other; certain agents of the state department of human services office of inspector general; exempt from certain weapons prohibitions. Amends sec. 231 of [1931 PA 328](#) (MCL [750.231](#)).

Date position was adopted:

March 18, 2014

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:

27

Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:

19 Voted for position

3 Voted against position

0 Abstained from vote

5 Did not vote

Position:

Oppose

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:

The bills concern certain enforcement mechanisms concerning public assistance and reduce the threshold amount for a felony down to \$100.

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?2014-SB-0841>

<http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2014-SB-0842>

<http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2014-SB-0843>

<http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2014-SB-0844>