

**Public Policy Position
SB 410**

The Negligence Law Section is a voluntary membership section of the State Bar of Michigan, comprised of 1,838 members. The Negligence Law Section is not the State Bar of Michigan and the position expressed herein is that of the Negligence Law Section only and not the State Bar of Michigan. To date, the State Bar does not have a position on this item.

The Negligence Law Section has a public policy decision-making body with 14 members. On September 26, 2023, the Section adopted its position after an electronic discussion and vote. 13 members voted in favor of the Section's position, 0 members voted against this position, 0 members abstained, 1 member did not vote.

Support

Explanation:

The section has traditionally supported legislation that removes artificial barriers to the civil justice system. SB 410 would allow Michigan residents injured due to the negligence of the pharmaceutical industry to have the same access to justice as residents of the rest of the nation. The bill will also allow Michigan to recover state Medicaid costs resulting from pharmaceutical litigation, which it has been barred from doing for over 20 years.

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