

**Public Policy Position  
SB 1185**

The Negligence Law Section is a voluntary membership section of the State Bar of Michigan, comprised of 1,742 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 15 members. On November 6, 2020, the Section adopted its position after an electronic discussion and vote. 10 members voted in favor of the Section's position on SB 1185, 0 members voted against this position, 0 members abstained, 5 members did not vote.

**Oppose****Explanation:**

The section opposes extending a gross negligence standard to medical providers for COVID-19 related negligence. This unfairly limits the ability of an injured party to seek redress.

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