

# HOUSE BILL No. 5702

May 30, 2012, Introduced by Rep. Lund and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled  
 "Revised judicature act of 1961,"  
 by amending section 919 (MCL 600.919).

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 919. (1) ~~The measure of the compensation of members of~~  
 2 ~~the bar~~ **AN ATTORNEY AT LAW** is left to the express or implied  
 3 agreement of the ~~parties subject to the~~ **ATTORNEY AND THE ATTORNEY'S**  
 4 **CLIENT, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED OTHERWISE BY LAW OR BY** regulation of the  
 5 supreme court.

6           (2) ~~Any~~ **AN** agreement for ~~such compensation,~~ **OF AN ATTORNEY AT**  
 7 **LAW** or ~~for reimbursement of any expenses,~~ **INCURRED BY**  
 8 **AN ATTORNEY IN** the prosecution or defense of ~~any~~ **A** claim ~~by any~~  
 9 party is wholly void if ~~such professional~~ **THE** employment was  
 10 solicited by the ~~member of the bar,~~ **ATTORNEY** or by any other

1 ANOTHER person acting on ~~his~~ behalf or at ~~his~~ ~~THE~~ request OF THE  
2 ATTORNEY, unless the services of ~~such member of the bar~~ ~~THE~~  
3 ATTORNEY were first requested by ~~such party~~ ~~THE~~ CLIENT.

4 (3) IF AN ATTORNEY AT LAW ENTERS INTO AN EXPRESS OR IMPLIED  
5 AGREEMENT TO PROSECUTE A CLAIM FOR PERSONAL INJURY OR WRONGFUL  
6 DEATH THAT PROVIDES THAT THE ATTORNEY'S COMPENSATION IS CONTINGENT  
7 IN WHOLE OR IN PART ON SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTION OR SETTLEMENT OF THE  
8 CLAIM OR ON THE AMOUNT OF RECOVERY, THE ATTORNEY SHALL NOT RECEIVE,  
9 RETAIN, OR SHARE A FEE THAT IS MORE THAN \$1,000,000.00, REGARDLESS  
10 OF THE PERCENTAGE OF THE AMOUNT RECOVERED INVOLVED.