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**House Bill 5251**

**Sponsor: Rep. Penny Crissman**

**Committee: Judiciary and Civil Rights**

**Complete to 1-18-96**

**A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5251 AS INTRODUCED 10-12-95**

House Bill 5251 would amend the Revised Judicature Act to prohibit Michigan attorneys from soliciting prospective clients in writing where: a) the written communication soliciting the individual's business pertained to an action for personal injury or wrongful death, or otherwise related to an accident or disaster involving the individual being solicited or his or her relative; and b) the accident or disaster occurred less than 30 days prior to the mailing of the communication.

The bill would also delete language from the act that bars attorneys from advertising or otherwise soliciting employment from the public. (The language barring attorney advertising is and has been unenforceable as it directly contradicts the U.S. Supreme Court's 1988 decision in Shapero v Kentucky Bar Association.)

House Bill 5251 (1-18-96)

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