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## **MBA applauds House passage of landmark alimony legislation**

The Alimony Reform Act of 2011 will set time limits on alimony

BOSTON, Mass. — The Massachusetts Bar Association applauds the House of Representatives for its passage of The Alimony Reform Act of 2011, landmark legislation that will enact fair and equitable alimony in Massachusetts including long-sought time limits on a parties' obligation to make payments.

“Families will benefit from these updated alimony laws, which strive to set predictable guidelines that are easy to understand. Families affected by alimony judgments deserve fair and equitable standards that help remove the emotional charge from an already intense situation,” said MBA President Denise Squillante, who operates a family law practice in Fall River.

“For too long, litigants have been faced with a hodgepodge of conflicting alimony orders. The bill will not only establish order, but will provide much needed guidance to judges who are charged with setting alimony payments.”

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