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MBA celebrates Senate approval of sweeping alimony legislation

The Alimony Reform Act of 2011 will set enact fair and equitable alimony

BOSTON, Mass. — The Massachusetts Bar Association applauds today’s Senate vote in support of The Alimony Reform Act of 2011, sweeping alimony legislation that will set clear guidelines throughout Massachusetts courts and structure alimony orders, in large part, on the length of a marriage. The MBA urges Gov. Deval Patrick to sign the bill into law.

“Massachusetts families facing the emotional turmoil of a divorce need alimony orders that make sense, strive for fairness and take the length of a marriage into account. This legislation will completely overhaul the state’s current antiquated system of setting alimony. The change is long overdue,” said MBA President Denise Squillante, who operates a family law practice in Fall River.

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