# Senate bills would trim payouts for malpractice

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der two bills before the state Senate. So would altorney fees taking up to one-third of multi-million-dollar "paln and suffering" awards. "This is an incentive to get the jod one rapidly, without going to court," said Sen John J.H. Schwarz. IR Battle Creek, sponsor of the bill to set up arbitration-panels in medical multi-

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"The Michigan Trial Lawyers As-sociation will challenge the bills (in court)," predicted Sen. Dan DeGrow, R-Port Huron, sponsor of the bill to cap attorneys fees and non-economic damages. "So you won't see any lowering of (malpractice insurance) raises until we have a definitive rul-ing."

THE TRIAL lawyers group—representing injured plaintiffs, and with a liberal political bent—vehemently opposes both bills.

MTLA executive director Jane R.
Balley said Senate Bills 248-9 "only create new hurdles and hardships for victims..."

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"The only way to lower the cost of

malpractice to the health care system is to reduce the amount of malpractice that occurs, "she said.

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Opponent Virgil Smith of Detroit said the bills "pick the wrong target — the victims."

The bills, which DeGrow thinks the Republican Senate will pass the week of Oct. 28, face trouble in the floose, where majority Democrats lean to the trial lawyers view.

TRIAL LAWYERS, many from Southfield, insisted repeatedly in months of subcommittee hearings there are no medical malpractice insurance crisis, no loss of doctors—but soaring profils for insurance crisis, no loss of doctors—There is, and serious, replied Judiciary chair William Vanfregenmort-er, R.-Jenison, 'though not as serious in some parts of the state as others.' Vanfregenmorter, who sponsored neither bill and said he started the learnings objectively, cited obstetrics, neurosurgery and emergency rooms as fields with shortiges of practitioners due to lawsuits.

"Physicians told us it wasn't just the cost (of malpractice insurance). It was the threat of being sued," was the practice of 'defensive medical threat of being sued, "and the practice of 'defensive medical threat of the property of the property of the property of 'defensive medical threat of the property of 'defensive medical threat of the property of 'defensive medical threat of the property o

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vital body function and injury to the reproductive system, eliminating nutti-million-dollar "pain and suffering" awards.

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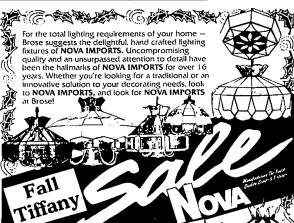


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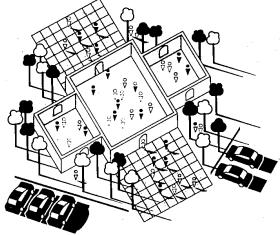
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