



Report on Public Policy Position

Name of Section or Committee:

Animal Law Section

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Decision by Attorney General to prosecute

Date position was adopted:

Feb. 20-27, 2004

Process used to take the ideological position:

Email to all Council members via the Council listserv

Number of members in the decision-making body:

15

Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:

14 in favor

0 opposed

1 not voting

FOR SECTIONS ONLY:

- ✓ This subject matter of this position is within the jurisdiction of the section.
- ✓ The position was adopted in accordance with the Section's bylaws.
- ✓ The requirements of SBM Bylaw Article VIII have been satisfied.

If the boxes above are checked, SBM will notify the Section when this notice is received, at which time the Section may advocate the position.

Position:

Letter to Attorney General Mike Cox, commending him for his decision to prosecute 14 persons for illegal dealing in reptiles and amphibians. The Section Council's letter noted that these animals are often falsely perceived as incapable of suffering. In fact, they are less able than many other animals to adjust to changes in environment and thus suffer when removed from the wild and forced to live in captivity.