

ANIMAL LAW SECTION
Public Policy Position
HB 5069

The Animal Law Section is a voluntary membership section of the State Bar of Michigan, comprised of 262 members. The Animal Law Section is not the State Bar of Michigan and the position expressed herein is that of the Animal Law Section only and not the State Bar of Michigan. To date, the State Bar does not have a position on this item.

The Animal Law Section has a public policy decision-making body with 15 members. On November 30, 2017, the Section adopted its position after discussion an electronic discussion and vote. 12 members voted in favor of the Section's position on HB 5069, 0 members voted against this position, 0 members abstained, 3 members did not vote.

The Animal Law Section Supports HB 5069.

Explanation:

This bill would designate the shelter animal as Michigan's official state pet. This bill arose out of a school project in a Troy grade school: <http://gophouse.org/rep-howrylak-partners-students-state-pet-proposal/> It is hoped that designating shelter pets as Michigan's state pet will raise awareness of animal homelessness and encourage adoption and responsible pet ownership. Other states have designated shelter pets as the official state pet.

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