

**ANIMAL LAW SECTION
Public Policy Position
SB 648**

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 SB 648, 0 members voted against this position, 0 members abstained, 3 members did not vote.

The Animal Law Section Supports SB 648.

Explanation:

This bill would impose certain requirements on anyone selling pet insurance in order to protect consumers. Nationally, the cost of vet care is the most often cited reason why pets are surrendered to shelters. The regulation of the pet insurance industry will help consumers make informed decisions about the products available and may assist more pets in getting vet care and staying in their homes.

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