

## Public Policy Position HB 4067

The Animal Law Section is a voluntary membership section of the State Bar of Michigan, comprised of 267 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 June 14, 2023, the Section adopted its position after an electronic discussion and vote. 12 members voted in favor of the Section's position, 0 members voted against this position, 0 members abstained, 3 members did not vote.

## Support

## **Explanation:**

The Animal Law Section supports HB 4067, which would create the "Care for Retired Police Dogs Program Act." The Act would empower the Department of State Police to establish the program for the purpose of awarding grants to eligible nonprofit organizations for the veterinary care of retired police dogs. Police dogs provide an invaluable service to our communities, and that service subjects them to the risk of injury. This program would help to ensure that they receive the life-long care they need and deserve in exchange for the service they provide.

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