

Public Policy Position HB 4092

The Animal Law Section is a voluntary membership section of the State Bar of Michigan, comprised of 216 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 28, 2019, the Section adopted its position after a discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. 6 members voted in favor of the Section's position on HB 4092, 0 members voted against this position, 0 members abstained, 9 members did not vote.

Support with Recommended Amendments

Explanation:

The Animal Law Section supports this bill with recommendations. While the bill is well-intentioned and has a Good Samaritan provision, the Section recommends additional language to eliminate owner liability if the dog bites the rescuer and to impose liability on the rescuer if the dog escapes or is injured in the process of removing it from the vehicle or afterwards.

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