

**Public Policy Position  
HB 4186**

The Animal Law Section is a voluntary membership section of the State Bar of Michigan, comprised of 259 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 August 12, 2021, the Section adopted its position after an electronic discussion and vote. 14 members voted in favor of the Section's position, 0 members voted against this position, 0 members abstained, 1 member did not vote.

**Oppose**

**Explanation:**

The Animal Law Section opposes HB 4186. It would result in further erosion of the protections for large carnivores included in the original Large Carnivore Act, which has already suffered some detrimental revisions. Passage of this bill would result in the exemption of nonresidents from various regulations. There is no beneficial reason to make this change, which will only result in further potential harm to large carnivores, who are supposed to be protected by this act.

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