

**Public Policy Position  
HB 4340**

The Animal Law Section is a voluntary membership section of the State Bar of Michigan, comprised of 213 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 March 29, 2019, the Section adopted its position after a discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. 9 members voted in favor of the Section's position on HB 4340, 0 members voted against this position, 0 members abstained, 6 members did not vote.

**Oppose**

**Explanation:**

NREPA already prohibits interfering with or harassing someone lawfully hunting or fishing, so this law is duplicative. A person enjoying public lands by taking photographs or videotaping wildlife could be perceived as harassing hunters, when their purpose has nothing to do with the hunting or fishing activities also happening on that land. This could result in confrontations between people on public lands and unnecessarily involve law enforcement or other authorities.

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