

**Public Policy Position  
HB 4439**

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 4439, 0 members voted against this position, 0 members abstained, 9 members did not vote.

**Support**

**Explanation:**

The Animal Law Section supports this bill because, unlike SB 27 and HB 4687, it offers a much more measured approach. This bill makes it clear that feeding/baiting deer and elk is inappropriate given the prevalence of chronic wasting disease. This bill makes it clear what wildlife can and can't be fed and for what purpose and allows those inclined to feed wildlife on their own property to do so in a way that is not excessive or likely to cause unintended consequences.

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