

**Public Policy Position  
HB 4592**

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 4592, 0 members voted against this position, 0 members abstained, 9 members did not vote.

**Support**

**Explanation:**

The Animal Law Section supports this bill because it would give a voice to animals in the legal system under the supervision of the skilled faculty at the MSU College of Law Animal Law Clinic or similar clinic at an ABA-accredited law school. Because law students are also eligible to serve as advocates, this program would have the added benefit of assisting the next generation of attorneys in learning how to advocate for animals.

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