

**Public Policy Position
HB 4593**

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 4593, 0 members voted against this position, 0 members abstained, 9 members did not vote.

Support

Explanation:

The Animal Law Section supports this bill, which would prohibit a veterinarian from performing a devocalization procedure on an animal unless it is done for a therapeutic purpose. Many veterinarians already refuse to perform this invasive and painful procedure, as there are many humane alternatives for training an animal, typically a dog, from making excessive noise.

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