

**Public Policy Position  
HB 4931**

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 February 10, 2020, the Section adopted its position after an electronic discussion and vote. 11 members voted in favor of the Section's position on HB 4931, 0 members voted against this position, 0 members abstained, 4 members did not vote.

**Support with Recommended Amendments****Explanation:**

The Animal Law Section supports this amendment to the Michigan Vehicle Code, because a statute prohibiting driving a motor vehicle with a dog on the driver's lap has obvious safety benefits for the driver, the animal, and the others on the road. For that reason, the Section recommends broadening the bill to prohibit driving a motor vehicle with any animal unrestrained in the front seat.

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