

**Public Policy Position
HB 5090**

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 5090, 0 members voted against this position, 0 members abstained, 4 members did not vote.

Support**Explanation:**

The Animal Law Section supports HB 5090, which would prohibit public bodies from performing painful or distressing experiments on dogs. Research shows that the public objects to the use of taxpayer dollars for this type of experimentation. The bill is particularly focused on invasive experiments conducted on dogs at Wayne State University. That research has failed to produce any human-relevant results in the decades that it has been performed. There are human-relevant research options available, such as human tissue and stem cell studies, clinical trials, and population studies, making painful and invasive experiments on dogs unnecessary and wasteful.

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