

**Public Policy Position
SB 275**

The Animal Law Section is a voluntary membership section of the State Bar of Michigan, comprised of 268 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 January 4, 2024, the Section adopted its position after an electronic discussion and vote. 12 members voted in favor of the Section's position, 0 members voted against this position, 0 members abstained, 3 members did not vote.

Oppose with Recommended Amendments

Explanation:

Unless an amendment is made to exclude the use of manure in the manufacture of biofuel, the Animal Law Section is opposed to SB 275, a bill that would create a new act regarding clean energy. Manure-based biofuel is not efficient, and allowing manure to be used in the manufacture of biofuel could result in more and larger concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs) to exist in Michigan. CAFOs are detrimental to animal welfare, the environment, and human health. We recommend the following amendment to the definition of "transportation fuel" on page 3, lines 15-24:

- (p) "Transportation fuel" means fuel, including, but not limited to, electricity, gasoline, diesel, ethanol, biodiesel, renewable diesel, propane, renewable propane, natural gas, renewable natural gas, hydrogen, aviation fuel, and biomethane, that is ~~both~~ ALL of the following:
- (i) Blended, sold, supplied, offered for sale, or used to propel a motor vehicle.
 - (ii) Compliant with applicable standards, specifications, and testing requirements under this act and rules promulgated under this act.
 - (iii) Not derived from manure.

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