

ANIMAL LAW SECTION
Public Policy Position
HB 4813

The Animal Law Section is a voluntary membership section of the State Bar of Michigan, comprised of 264 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 November 30, 2017, the Section adopted its position after discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. 12 members voted in favor of the Section's position on HB 4813, 0 members voted against this position, 0 members abstained, 3 members did not vote.

The Animal Law Section Supports HB 4813.

Explanation:

If euthanasia must be performed, it should be performed as humanely as possible to reduce or eliminate pain and stress for the animal as much as possible and also to ensure the safety of the person performing the procedure. This bill would expand the drugs available to animal protection and animal control shelters to perform humane euthanasia on animals that are fractious or difficult to handle, making the process safer for the humans and more humane for the animals. The bill would also increase the training time required to become certified to perform euthanasia, which is also a measure to increase safety for humans and humane treatment for animals and to ensure that the controlled substances involved are handled and that their use is recorded appropriately.

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