

ANIMAL LAW SECTION
Respectfully submits the following position on:

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SB 0358

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The Animal Law Section is not the State Bar of Michigan itself, but rather a Section which members of the State Bar choose voluntarily to join, based on common professional interest.

The position expressed is that of the Animal Law Section only and is not the position of the State Bar of Michigan.

To date, the State Bar does not have a position on this matter.

The total membership of the Animal Law Section is 164.

The position was adopted after an electronic discussion and vote. The number of members in the decision-making body is 15. The number who voted in favor to this position was 15. The number who voted opposed to this position was 0.

Report on Public Policy Position

Name of section:

Animal Law Section

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Bill Number:

[SB 0358](#) (Bieda) Crimes; animals; racketeering statute; include animal fighting as predicate offense. Amends sec. 159g of 1931 PA 328 (MCL 750.159g).

Date position was adopted:

August 8, 2011

Process used to take the ideological position:

Position adopted after an electronic discussion and vote.

Number of members in the decision-making body:

15

Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:

15 Voted for position

0 Voted against position

0 Abstained from vote

0 Did not vote

Position:

Support

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:

The Animal Law Section supports the bill because it allows for the inclusion of animal fighting as a predicate offense in the racketeering statute.

The text of any legislation, court rule, or administrative regulation that is the subject of or referenced in this report.

<http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2011-SB-0358>