

ANIMAL LAW SECTION  
Respectfully submits the following position on:

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HB 4714

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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:**

[HB 4714](#) (Bledsoe) Animals; dogs; ownership, possession, breeding, and sale of pit bulls; regulate, and prohibit after a certain period of time. Creates new act.

**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:**

Oppose

**Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:**

The Animal Law Section opposes the bill to regulate the ownership, possession, sale and breeding of pit bulls; to prohibit the ownership or possession of a pit bull after a certain date; and to prescribe penalties. The Animal Law Section strongly believes that breed-specific legislation does not address the underlying problem of irresponsible ownership.

**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-HB-4714>