

ANIMAL LAW SECTION

Respectfully submits the following position on:

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SB 0209 – SB 0210

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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 discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting and those that were not present subsequently voted electronically. The number of members in the decision-making body is 15. The number who voted in favor to this position was 14. 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 0209](#) (Hune) Animals; other; facilities accredited by the zoological association of America; exempt from wolf-dog cross act. Amends [2000 PA 246](#) (MCL [287.1001](#) - [287.1023](#)) by adding sec. 22a.

[SB 0210](#) (Hune) Animals; other; facilities accredited by the zoological association of America; exempt from large carnivore act. Amends sec. 22 of [2000 PA 274](#) (MCL [287.1122](#)).

Date position was adopted:

December 10, 2012

Process used to take the ideological position:

Position was adopted after discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting and those that were not present subsequently voted electronically.

Number of members in the decision-making body:

15

Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:

14 Voted for position

0 Voted against position

0 Abstained from vote

1 Did not vote

Position:

Oppose

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:

The Animal Law Section opposes both of these bills for the reason that they weaken the protections that are already in place, and we oppose the addition of the "conservation" purpose for the reasons that it is not well crafted or well drafted.

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-0209> ; <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2011-SB-0210>