

ANIMAL LAW SECTION
Respectfully submits the following position on:

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SB 0826

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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 0826](#) (Colbeck) Animals; dogs; transport of unlicensed dogs to animal control shelter or animal protection shelter; require. Amends sec. 17 of [1919 PA 339](#) (MCL [287.277](#)).

Date position was adopted:

December 10, 2011

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 this bill. We propose that the sentence beginning in line 4 of page 1 stating "[i]f a dog is required..." be deleted, and the sentence beginning in line 9 of page 1 stating "[o]n receiving from the country treasurer..." be deleted. We also oppose (3), which allows a sheriff to kill an unlicensed dog if he or she determines that the dog is a threat to public safety, and (2), which requires a sheriff to seize any unlicensed dog identified by the county treasurer.

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-0826>