

ANIMAL LAW SECTION

Respectfully submits the following position on:

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SB 0354

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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 185.

The position was adopted after discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. 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 0354](#) (Jones) Animals; animal shelters; methods of euthanizing animals; restrict to injection of certain commercially prepared solutions. Amends [1969 PA 287](#) (MCL [287.331](#) - [287.340](#)) by adding sec. 8b.

Date position was adopted:

September 20, 2013

Process used to take the ideological position:

Position adopted after discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting

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:

Support

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:

The Animal Law section supports SB 354, which requires animal control shelters to euthanize animals under their control by use of sodium pentobarbital. We believe that this measure, which would prohibit euthanasia by gassing the animal, promotes the recognized practice of humanely ending an animal's life.

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?2013-SB-0354>