

## Report on Public Policy Position

**Name of section:**

Animal Law Section

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**Bill Number:**

[HB 4663](#) (Espinoza) Occupations; individual licensing and regulation; dealers or research facilities using dogs and cats for certain purposes; clarify regulation. Amends secs. 1, 8 & 9 of [1969 PA 224](#) (MCL [287.381](#) et seq.) & repeals sec. 15 of 1969 PA 224 (MCL [287.395](#)).

**Date position was adopted:**

January 26, 2010

**Process used to take the ideological position:**

12/5/2009 with those not present completing the voting process on 1/26/2010 by email.

**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 the bill because it will end a practice of shelter cats and dogs being obtained for research and experimentation. The bill is carefully drafted to allow reasonable exceptions that promote the necessary training of veterinary students (i.e., spay/neuter training) while benefiting the shelter cats and dogs to promote their adoption.

**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?2009-HB-4663>