

**Public Policy Position
HB 4732 and HB 4738**

The Animal Law Section is a voluntary membership section of the State Bar of Michigan, comprised of 256 members. The Animal Law Section is not the State Bar of Michigan and the position expressed herein is that of the Animal Law Section only and not the State Bar of Michigan. To date, the State Bar does not have a position on this item.

The Animal Law Section has a public policy decision-making body with 15 members. On September 11, 2025, the Section adopted its position after an electronic discussion and vote. 15 members voted in favor of the Section's position, 0 members voted against this position, 0 members abstained, 0 members did not vote.

Support**Explanation:**

HB 4732 would amend the Penal Code to make it a felony to kill or cause serious physical harm to a police dog, police horse, or search-and-rescue dog in the commission or attempted commission of a crime. HB 4738 would amend the related sentencing guidelines. The Animal Law Section supports these bills, which are referred to as "Dozer's Law" in honor of a Grand Rapids police dog who sustained life-threatening injuries in the line of duty. Police dogs and horses and SAR dogs provide invaluable service to humans, often risking their own lives. They are deserving of special protection from harm by people committing or attempting to commit crimes.

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