

**Public Policy Position
HB 4770**

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:

Studies show that people with pets consider those pets to be part of the family. Unfortunately, families with pets face significant challenges in renting a home or apartment. Even if a landlord allows pets, there are often restrictions on breed, size, and number of animals. Landlords often charge pet deposits and fees.

The Animal Law Section supports HB 4770, which would prohibit a landlord from charging pre-tenancy fees, including a pet application fee. This bill recognizes the human-animal bond and is a step in the right direction in terms of making pet-inclusive housing available to families with pets.

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