

**Public Policy Position
HB 4792**

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:**

The Animal Law Section supports HB 4792, which would create a fundraising license plate to fund companion animal spay and neuter and the care of animals in Michigan shelters and rescues. Thanks in large part to the availability of sterilization surgery for companion animals, companion animal euthanasia has declined sharply in the U.S. since 1970, when Statista estimated that more than 23 million animal were euthanized. However, according to a report by Shelter Animals Count, 5.8 million animals entered U.S. shelters and rescues in 2024, and 607,000 of those were euthanized. This license plate would provide a much-needed source of funding to support the ongoing need for companion animal population control and care for homeless and abused animals in Michigan shelters and rescues.

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