

**Public Policy Position
SB 14**

The Animal Law Section is a voluntary membership section of the State Bar of Michigan, comprised of 267 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 June 14, 2023, the Section adopted its position after an electronic discussion and vote. 12 members voted in favor of the Section's position, 0 members voted against this position, 0 members abstained, 3 members did not vote.

Support

Explanation:

The Animal Law Section supports Senate Bill 14, which would amend the Administrative Procedures Act to eliminate a prohibition on state agencies promulgating rules that are more stringent than federal rules. This bill would allow state administrative agencies, such as the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and the Department of Natural Resources, to enact rules offering greater protection to animals than federal rules. This is appropriate, because state agencies are in a better position to know what rules are necessary to protect Michigan's animals.

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