

ANIMAL LAW SECTION

Respectfully submits the following position on:

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SB 0146

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The Animal Law Section is not the State Bar of Michigan itself, but rather a Section which members of the State Bar choose voluntarily to join, based on common professional interest.

The position expressed is that of the Animal Law Section only and is not the position of the State Bar of Michigan.

To date, the State Bar does not have a position on this matter.

The total membership of the Animal Law Section is 243.

The position was adopted after an electronic discussion and vote. The number of members in the decision-making body is 15. The number who voted in favor to this position was 14. The number who voted opposed to this position was 0.

Report on Public Policy Position

Name of Section:

Animal Law Section

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Bill Number:

[SB 0146](#) (Hune) Animals; other; facilities accredited by the American zoo and aquarium association or the zoological association of America; exempt from certain provisions of large carnivore act. Amends sec. 22 of [2000 PA 274](#) (MCL [287.1122](#)).

Date position was adopted:

May 11, 2015

Process used to take the ideological position:

Position adopted after an electronic discussion and vote

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 (absent)

Position:

Oppose

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:

The State Bar of Michigan Animal Law Section opposes SB 146. SB 146 would erode protections for large carnivores provided by the Large Carnivore Act by, for example, exempting some organizations from some of the requirements of the Large Carnivore Act and providing permission to breed large carnivores to certain organizations. SB 146 would also place additional requirements on shelters in possession of a large carnivore for more than 45 days, although it can often take much longer to find a suitable long-term placement for a large carnivore.

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?2015-SB-0146>