

ANIMAL LAW SECTION

Respectfully submits the following position on:

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HB 4894

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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 164.

The position was adopted after discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting and those that were not present subsequently voted electronically. The number of members in the decision-making body is 15. The number who voted in favor to this position was 13. The number who voted opposed to this position was 0. The number who abstained from voting was 1.

Report on Public Policy Position

Name of section:

Animal Law Section

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Bill Number:

[HB 4894](#) (O'Brien) Animals; dogs; euthanizing of unlicensed dogs; prohibit. Amends sec. 17 of [1919 PA 339](#) (MCL [287.277](#)).

Date position was adopted:

December 10, 2011

Process used to take the ideological position:

Position was adopted after discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting and those that were not present subsequently voted electronically.

Number of members in the decision-making body:

15

Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:

13 Voted for position

0 Voted against position

1 Abstained from vote

1 Did not vote

Position:

Support and Amend

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:

The Animal Law Section supports this bill with the following additional deletions. We propose that the sentence beginning in line 4 of page 1 stating "[i]f a dog is required..." be deleted, and the sentence beginning in line 9 of page 1 stating "[o]n receiving from the country treasurer..." be deleted.

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?2011-HB-4894>