

ANIMAL LAW SECTION

Respectfully submits the following position on:

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SB 0285 & SB 0286

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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 185.

The position was adopted after discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting and an electronic discussion and vote for those members not in attendance. 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.

Report on Public Policy Position

Name of Section:

Animal Law Section

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Bill Number:

[SB 0285](#) (Bieda) Crimes; animals; penalties for crimes against animals; enhance, and make other revisions. Amends secs. 50 & 50b of [1931 PA 328](#) (MCL [750.50](#) & [750.50b](#)).

[SB 0286](#) (Jones) Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; sentencing guidelines for crimes of animal cruelty; enact and amend. Amends secs. 16b, 34, 40, 46 & 49, ch. XVII of [1927 PA 175](#) (MCL [777.16b](#) et seq.).

Date position was adopted:

July 31, 2014

Process used to take the ideological position:

Position adopted after discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting and via email.

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

0 Abstained from vote

2 Did not vote

Position:

Support

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:

The Animal Law Section previously expressed its support of these bills, and the public policy positions may be found at http://www.michbar.org/publicpolicy/ppolicyDB_Detail.cfm?billnum=1073 and http://www.michbar.org/publicpolicy/ppolicyDB_Detail.cfm?billnum=1074. We are respectfully requesting that the House Majority Floor Leader place these bills, unanimously passed by the Senate (38-0) and reported from the House Criminal Justice Committee earlier this year, on the House calendar for a vote as soon as possible after the Legislature reconvenes.

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?2013-SB-0285>

<http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2013-SB-0286>