Report on Public Policy Position

Name of Section:
Animal Law Section

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Bill Number:
SB 350 (Garcia) Income tax; other; animal welfare fund; create. Creates new act. TIE BAR WITH: SB 0349'07

Date position was adopted:
March 20, 2007

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:
12 Voted for position
0 Voted against position
0 Abstained from vote
3 Did not vote

Position:
Support

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:
This bill creates an Animal Welfare Fund by use of state income tax check-offs. The stated purpose of the fund is "to provide funds to promote sterilization and adoption of dogs and cats, to improve knowledge of the proper care of animals pursuant to state animal anticruelty laws by educating the public and training personnel authorized by law to enforce state animal anticruelty laws, to support and enhance programs that provide for the care and protection of animals pursuant to state anticruelty laws, and to allow the purchase of equipment and supplies for programs that receive grants under this act."

This bill would provide a mechanism to fund these important programs, and is consistent with the Bylaws of the Animal Law Section, which include the following goals: 3.1 Educate members of the State Bar and of the public about laws relating to the protection of animals and animal rights, including the development and modification of existing law. 3.2 Promote legislation to advance animal protection and animal rights. 3.4 Promote animal protection and animal rights in Michigan through use of the legal system.

The text (may be provided by hyperlink) of any legislation, court rule, or administrative regulation that is the subject of or referenced in this report:

http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2007-SB-0350