

Report on Public Policy Position

Name of section:

Animal Law Section

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Bill Number:

[HB 4139](#) (Jones, Rick) Criminal procedure; sex offender registration; crime of sodomy; specify sodomy of an animal for inclusion in sex offender registration requirements. Amends sec. 2 of [1994 PA 295](#) (MCL [28.722](#)).

Date position was adopted:

March 6, 2007 and February 8, 2008

Process used to take the ideological position:

Position adopted after discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting.

Number of members in the decision-making body:

15

Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:

12 Voted for position

3 Did not vote

Position:

Support

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:

The Animal Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan votes to support House Bill 4139 (Jones). The legislation recognizes the seriousness of the perpetrated crime against animal victims, and heightens the consequences for this unconscionable act.

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?2007-HB-4139>