

## Report on Public Policy Position

**Name of section:**

Animal Law Section

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**Bill Number:**

[HB 4803](#) (Miller) Animals; other; methods of use for euthanizing animals; clarify. Amends [1919 PA 339](#) (MCL [287.261](#) - [287.290](#)) by adding sec. 19c.

**Date position was adopted:**

2/5/2010 with those not present completing the voting process on 2/13/2010 by email.

**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:**

15 Voted for position

0 Voted against position

0 Abstained from vote

0 Did not vote

**Position:**

Support

**Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:**

The Animal Law section supports this bill, a substitute for HB 4263 which we also support, which requires animal control and animal protection shelters, and Class B dealers to euthanize animals under their control by use of sodium pentobarbital. We believe that this measure, which would prohibit euthanasia by gassing the animal, promotes the recognized practice of humanely ending an animal's life.

**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?2009-HB-4803>