

**Public Policy Position
HB 4881 and HB 4882**

The Animal Law Section is a voluntary membership section of the State Bar of Michigan, comprised of 259 members. The Animal Law Section is not the State Bar of Michigan and the position expressed herein is that of the Animal Law Section only and not the State Bar of Michigan. To date, the State Bar does not have a position on this item.

The Animal Law Section has a public policy decision-making body with 15 members. On August 12, 2021, the Section adopted its position after an electronic discussion and vote. 14 members voted in favor of the Section's position, 0 members voted against this position, 0 members abstained, 1 member did not vote.

Support

Explanation:

The Animal Law Section supports HB 4881 and HB 4882, which protect dogs and cats used in research. HB 4881 would require that once they are no longer required for research, research dogs and cats shall be offered to an animal control or animal protection shelter so that they may be adopted into a home unless euthanizing the animal is required for health or safety reasons. If animals must be used in research, they deserve a chance at living the remainder of their lives in loving homes once they have provided such service.

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