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Legislative Alert
Michigan Association for Pure Bred Dogs

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HB 4035

This bill prohibits a local unit of government from enacting an ordinance or rule that regulates a dog based solely on breed, perceived breed, or type.

MAPBD SUPPORTS THIS BILL:

- All dog owners should be held responsible for the actions of their dogs, regardless of breed.
- Local municipality breed specific laws create a patchwork system in which law-abiding citizens could find themselves in violation simply by travelling to another jurisdiction.
- This bill does not prohibit local government units from enacting ordinances that impose additional requirements on all dog owners.
- Michigan already has non breed-specific laws regulating dangerous animals.
- Breed-specific laws arbitrarily punish law-abiding dog owners simply because of the breed they own. Indeed, in some instances, owners have been forced to surrender well-behaved pets to shelters simply because they own a targeted breed, even though the dog never caused problems.
- Currently, 20 other states prohibit breed-specific dog laws.
- **HB 4035 properly focuses on the problem of irresponsible dog owners, regardless of the breed of dog.**

FOR THE ABOVE REASONS, MAPBD SUPPORTS THIS BILL.

MAPBD is a Michigan non-profit organization founded in 1964. MAPBD advocates responsible dog ownership and promotes fair and reasonable animal legislation in the state.

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