



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

### COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

REP. REGGIE MILLER

CHAIR

## COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 13, 2024      9:00 AM      Room 327, House Office Building

The House Committee on Agriculture was called to order by Chair Miller.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Miller, Paiz, Young, Coffia, Conlin, Dievendorf, Fitzgerald, Rheingans, Neyer, VanderWall, Roth, Bierlein, Smit.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representative Young moved to adopt the meeting minutes from June 12, 2024. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4849 before the committee:

HB 4849 (Rep. Koleszar)

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending sections 2674, 2675, and 2678 (MCL 333.2674, 333.2675, and 333.2678) and by adding sections 2670 and 2675a; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

Representative Koleszar testified in support of HB 4849.

Representative Young moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 4849. The motion prevailed 8-5-0:

### FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Miller, Paiz, Young, Coffia, Conlin, Dievendorf, Fitzgerald, Rheingans.

Nays: Reps. Neyer, VanderWall, Roth, Bierlein, Smit.

Pass: None.

Dr. Michael Bradley, representing the Wayne State University, testified in opposition to HB 4849. Questions and discussion followed.

Amanda Hagan, representing the Animal Health Institute, testified in opposition to HB 4849.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4849, but did not wish to speak:

Holly Thoms, representing the Capital Area Humane Society.

Valerie Schey.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to HB 4849, but did not wish to speak:

Bonnifer Ballard, representing the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association.

Stephen Rapundalo PHD, representing the Mich BIO.

Nancy M. Mckee, representing the Zoetis.

Representative Young moved to report out HB 4849 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed 8-5-0:

#### FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Miller, Paiz, Young, Coffia, Conlin, Dievendorf, Fitzgerald, Rheingans.

Nays: Reps. Neyer, VanderWall, Roth, Bierlein, Smit.

Pass: None.

At 9:14 AM, the Chair laid the committee at ease.

At 9:15 AM, the Chair called the committee back to order.

The Chair laid HB 4980 before the committee:

HB 4980 (Rep. Pohutsky)

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending sections 16287 and 18811 (MCL 333.16287 and 333.18811), section 16287 as amended by 2017 PA 22 and section 18811 as amended by 2006 PA 406, and by adding section 18818.

Representative Pohutsky testified in support of HB 4980. Questions and discussion followed.

Dr. Courtney White, representing the Humane Society of Huron Valley, testified in support of HB 4980. Questions and discussion followed.

Dr. Cheryl Good, representing the Dearborn Family Pet Care, testified in support of HB 4980. Questions and discussion followed.

Jen Hobgood, representing the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, testified in support of HB 4980. Questions and discussion followed.

Bonnifer Ballard & Dr. Robert Fisher, representing the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association, testified in opposition to HB 4980. Questions and discussion followed.

Dr. Larry Letsche DVM, representing the American Veterinary Medical Association, testified in opposition to HB 4980. Questions and discussion followed.

The following person submitted a card in support of HB 4980, but did not wish to speak:

Ann M. Griffin, representing the Michigan Humane Society.

The following person submitted a card in opposition to HB 4980, but did not wish to speak:  
Patrick H. Glidden DVM, representing the Lakeville Animal Clinic.

At 10:06 AM, the Chair laid the committee at ease.

At 10:10 AM, the Chair called the committee back to order.

Representative Young moved to report out HB 4980 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 10-3-0:

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

Yeas: Reps. Miller, Paiz, Young, Coffia, Conlin, Dievendorf, Fitzgerald, Rheingans, Roth, Bierlein.

Nays: Reps. Neyer, VanderWall, Smit.

Pass: None.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Miller adjourned the meeting at 10:11 AM.

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Representative Reggie Miller, Chair

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