

## Report on Public Policy Position

**Name of section:**

Animal Law Section

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**Bill Number:**

[HB 5762](#) (Kandrevas) Crimes; animals; ownership or possession of nonhuman primates as pets; prohibit under certain circumstances and provide penalty. Amends [1931 PA 328](#) (MCL [750.1](#) - [750.568](#)) by adding sec. 70a.

**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, which amends the penal code to prohibit the possession or ownership of a nonhuman primate as a pet, with the proviso that we do not believe that it is necessary to include the exclusions set forth in section two of the act, for the reason that none of the listed exceptions would be owning or possessing a primate as a pet. The keeping of primates as pets is inhumane to the animals and poses significant risk to humans who come into contact with them. We urge the legislature to consider steps to ensure that primates currently being kept as pets be placed in appropriate alternate living arrangements with the defendant ordered to assume the costs of such placement.

**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-5762>