

Michigan Association for Pure Bred Dogs  
Report of Legislative Activities for  
2007-2008 Session

Memorandum

To Michigan Association for Pure Bred Dogs  
Michigan Hunting Dog Federation

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The 2007 – 2008 Session of the Michigan Legislature completed its work on December 31, 2008. During the 2 years session, approximately **4,430** bills were introduced for action by the 110 House Members and 38 Senators.

As director of legislative affairs, we monitored **26** bills introduced in the Senate and **54** bills introduced in the House of Representatives that concerned dogs, dog ownership and hunting with dogs. Each of these bills were read and evaluated on the basis of the effects they could have on the activities of the clubs, individuals and associations I represent. Working with the Boards of Directors of both dog organizations, a position was taken to support, support with appropriate changes, or to oppose the bills in their final form.

At the end of the session, 18 of the bills had been passed by both House and Senate and signed by the governor, thus becoming Public Acts.

The bills that were not enacted consisted of 10 bills passed by the House but not by the Senate and 7 bills passed by the Senate but not by the House. These died at the end of the session.

The remaining bills introduced were not approved by either the Senate or the House and received very little attention. They also died at the end of the session. These consisted of 10 in the Senate and 36 in the House.

**Part I**  
**Bills That Passed Both Houses of the Legislature**  
**Enacted Into Law**

**A brief description of the bills enacted into law:**

**SB 346 & HB 4065. The Act will amend the Michigan Penal Code (MCL 750.66) to require a person whose dog bites another person to remain on the scene and provide certain information and assistance or face criminal penalties.**

The bill specified the responsibilities of a person who had custody of a dog or wolf-dog cross that bit a person and prescribes criminal penalties for failing to fulfill those responsibilities. We agree with the intent of the bills but object to the inclusion of the term "wolf-dog cross" in the title and in the definition of "wolf-dog cross" cited in Public Act 246 of 2000. The public act makes it illegal to own a wolf-dog cross. The definition "wolf-cross dog" in the act is so inaccurate that it puts any dog, particularly the northern breeds such as Alaskan Malamutes, Siberian huskies, Samoyeds, etc. at peril simply because it may resemble a wolf. The official classification designates *Canis lupus* and *Canis familiaris* as synonyms for the wolf and dog. Therefore, the official classification of dog and wolf are the same species with the wolf being the wild form and the dog the domestic form. If an investigating officer at an incident misidentifies the animal, serious consequences are presented for the dog owner because of the illegal status of the wolf-dog cross.

**The Michigan Association for Pure Bred Dogs and the Michigan Hunting Dog Federation opposed the bill unless the term "wolf-dog cross" terminology was deleted. The wording as passed puts all northern dog breed at risk for misidentification as a wolf-dog cross and thereby are considered illegal to own. A great miscarriage of justice. Therefore the final bill was opposed by MAPBD & MHDF.**

**SB 346 passed the Senate with a vote of Yeas 35, Nays 0.**

**Passed the House with a vote of Yeas 96, Nays 11.**

**SB 350 & SB 357 Creates an animal welfare fund within the Department of Agriculture from income tax check off on state income tax forms.** The department shall solicit proposal for grants from non-profit animal control and animal protection shelters based in Michigan. The act specifies the purposes for which grants may be made are monitored by the Department.

**Michigan Association for Pure Bred Dogs and Michigan Hunting Dog Federation supported Senate Substitute S-1** after a companion bill **SB 349** was replaced by **SB 357**.

**SB 350 Passed the Senate by a vote of Yeas 37, Nays 9.**

**Passed the House by a vote of Yeas 100, Nays 7.**

**SB 531. Prohibits the use of tranquilizer shots in hunting.**

Because of the period of time after the use of a tranquilizer shot until the recovery of the tranquilized game may be too extensive, it is not a procedure we recommend for taking game. In many cases there is no recovery and the game may not survive - a loss to hunters and wildlife resources. The use of tranquilization should remain in the hands of professional wildlife specialists for studies and research purposes.

**Michigan Hunting Dog Federation and the Michigan Association for Pure Bred Dogs supports the bill.**

**SB 531 passed the Senate with a vote of Yeas 38: Nays 0.**

**passed the House with a vote of Yeas 101: Nays 2.**

**SB 572. Allows the Natural Resources Commission to regulate use of modified bows for hunting.**

The purpose of this bill is to allow the issue of permits to take game with a modified bow that may be shot with one arm and provides for revocation of the permit for a person convicted of violating the permit.

**The Michigan Hunting Dog Federation supports the bill.** Our fellow hunters and military veterans who are afflicted with certain disabilities and still wish to enjoy the sport of taking game should be permitted to do so with the proper equipment. The Michigan Hunting Dog Federation appreciates their past enjoyment of hunting and wishes to give our support for the bill.

**SB 572 passed the Senate with a vote of Yeas 36, Nays 0.**

**passed the House with a vote of Yeas 107, Nays 0.**

**SB 978. Requires consideration of funding trails from Natural Resources Trust Fund that intersect downtown areas.** Under the Act, the board must determine which land and rights in land within Michigan should be acquired and which public recreation facilities should be developed with money from the **Natural Resources Trust Fund**.

**Arguments for:** Although this land is not likely to be used for hunting, it can have considerable recreational value for dog owners and other urban dog activities. We would hope that sporting dog owners could use this land for properly controlled canine recreational activities. We urge local dog owners to monitor the acquisition of this land and make sure it is available for recreational access for dogs.

**SB 978 passed the Senate with a vote of Yeas 37, Nays 0, Excused 1**

**passed the House with a vote of Yeas 107, Nays 0**

**SB 1077. (Dog) & SB 1084 (Livestock) & HB 5686 (Livestock). Permits, under certain circumstances, the removal, capture, or lethal control of a gray wolf attacking a (dog) (livestock).** As the population of gray wolves has recovered from near elimination in Michigan, attacks by gray wolves on livestock, hunting dogs, and pets have become a concern. The DNR appointed an advisory committee, the **Michigan Wolf Management Roundtable**, to consider the management of the gray wolf in Michigan. Mike Thorman, Board of Directors of the Michigan Hunting Dog Federation, was an official member of the Roundtable. These bills were the outcome of the work of that committee. The Act will become effective when the gray wolf is completely off of the endangered species list pending the outcome of a court challenge by the Humane Society of the United States.

Testimony was given by MHDF at the Committee meetings.

**Michigan Hunting Dog Federation and the Michigan Association for Pure Bred Dogs supported the bill.**

**SB 1077 passed the Senate with a vote of Yeas 38, Nays 0.**

**passed the House with a vote of Yeas 105, Nays.**

**HB 1615. Provide conditions for license denial or revocation for pheasant raising facilities.** The Department of Natural Resources issues licenses to authorize the possession of game for propagation

and the dealing in and selling of game. This bill would require the department (DNR) to deny an application for license to breed and sell game if the premises are zoned residential. This bill was initiated by one unfortunate incident in one district.

**Arguments against:** It would be ill-advised to establish a policy that would affect all game breeders in the state in order to address an individual nuisance problem. The local zoning authority should evaluate the conditions of the request. Responsible facility owners should not be penalized because of one incident.

The Michigan Association of Game Bird Breeders and Hunting Preserves opposed the bill.

**Michigan Hunting Dog Federation and the Michigan Association of Purebred Dogs agreed with their position and opposed the bill.**

**SB 1615 passed the Senate with a vote of Yeas 37: Nays 0: Excused 1.**

**passed the House with a vote of Yeas 103: Nays 2.**

**HB 4261. Provide for convention and tourism promotion act.** This bill relates to the promotion of convention business and tourism. We believe it could have a favorable impact on Michigan dog shows, field trial hunting events and recreational hunting

**Michigan Association for Pure Bred Dogs and the Michigan Hunting Dog Federation supported the bill.**

**HB 4261 Passed the House with a vote of Yeas 64: Nays 43.**

**Passed the Senate with a vote of Yeas 35; Nays 3.**

**HB 4550, HB 4551 and HB 4552.** These bills relate to animal cruelty, and particularly an increase in the penalties for animal cruelty and abuse. As these bills were drafted, they would have resulted in unintended consequences and misinterpretation in the enforcement of vague and undefined behavior. As these bills moved through the legislative process, a number of revision, substitutes and committee actions were deleted or amended so that the final enrolled bills did not alter the present statutes on cruelty significantly except for the strong increase in penalties. Animal was defined as “any vertebrate other than man.” This is too broad of application in the determination of what is “cruelty.” A more thorough and detailed report on these bill is being prepared and will be posted at a later date on the MHDF and MAPBD websites.

**The Michigan Association for Pure Bred Dogs and the Michigan Hunting Dog Federation opposed the bill.**

**HB 4550 passed the House with a vote of Yeas 103: Nays 4.**

**passed the Senate with a vote of Yeas 36: Nays 0. Excused 2.**

**HB 4551 passed the**

**House with a vote of Yeas 90: Nays 16.**

**passed the Senate with a vote of Yeas 36: Nays 0: Excused 2.**

**HB 4552 passed the House by a vote of Yeas 80: Nays 26.**

**passed the Senate by a vote of Yeas 32: Nays 5; Excused 1.**

The following comments were entered into the House Journal.

**Rep. Elsenheimer.** “I support the intent of this bill, but am opposed to the consecutive sentencing element and also believe that the removal of the term ‘willful’ is not needed and actually weakens the bill. Sentencing needs to be proportional, and allowing consecutive sentencing in a situation like this may not be when related to human crimes. I mistakenly supported this bill in committee. I thought the only bill with the consecutive lament in this package was 4552, which I opposed.”

**Rep. Meekof.** “I can not vote in favor of this bill. It sentences people convicted of animal cruelty, more harshly that we sentence people for crimes against humans. We currently have prison capacity problems and I believe animal cruelty offenders can be dealt with a non prison sentence.”

**HB 4860. Pet shop license act. Revise fees, create a fund, and earmark certain fees and administrative fines to the agriculture licensing and inspection fees fund.**

**Michigan Association for Pure Bred Dogs supported the bill.** The purpose of this act will have some significant effect upon of the activities of pet ownership.

**HB 4860 passed the House with a vote of Yeas 82: Nays 24.**

**passed the Senate with a vote of Yeas 36: Nays 2.**

**HB 5331. Eliminate participation license for bear and bobcat hunting.** This bill amends 1994 PA 451, Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act. It will limit the required participation license to only the licensed hunter who owns or possess the dogs used in the chase. This will make it possible for approved bear and bobcat

hunters to invite families and youngsters to accompany the hunt without having a license. At this time of a declining number of hunters, every possible effort should be made to bring new people into the sport of taking game through hunting. The Michigan Hunting Dog Federation, through the efforts of Bill Walker, Mike Thorman and Jim Wale played an important role getting this bill enacted. Thanks.

**Michigan Hunting Dog Federation supported the bill.**

**HB 5332 passed the House with a vote of Yeas 102, Nays 0,  
passed the Senate with a vote of Yeas 34, Nays 1, Excused 2,**

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### Part II

#### Bills That Passed the House Only

#### Bills That Passed the Senate Only

**HB 4407. Allow hunters to use raised platforms when hunting fox and coyotes.**

There is a statewide coyote season from July 15 through April 14. Michigan residents possessing a valid small-game license may hunt coyote during the established season.

**Arguments For:** Michigan deer hunters are allowed to hunt from tree stands, and we should allow coyote and fox hunters to do the same.

**Arguments Against:** While the DNR does not disagree with the content of the bill, it is opposed to the bill because it contends that the voters of Michigan gave the Natural Resources Council the exclusive authority to regulate the taking of game in Michigan. The council will take up the issue in the near future.

**Michigan Hunting Dog Federation supported the bill.**

**Passed the House by a vote of Yeas 110: Nays 0.**

**The Senate committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs did not act on the bill.**

**HB 4597. Provide for the promotion of hunting on Department of Natural Resources controlled land.**

The DNR would be required to keep land under its control open to hunting unless it determined that it should be closed to hunting due to public safety, fish or wildlife management, homeland security concerns or other legal requirements. Manage land to support and promote hunting opportunities. Manage land to prevent any net decrease in the acreage of such land open to hunting. Require DNR to report the status of land open or closed to hunting and would be required to submit a report to the legislature.

**Arguments for:** Michigan reportedly ranks third in the nation for the number of licensed hunters, with more than 750,000. In addition to contributing to wildlife management and conservation efforts, hunters reportedly contributed \$1.3 billion directly to the state's economy every year and spends another \$1.2 billion on related tourism.

**Michigan Hunting Dog Federation supported the bill.**

**Passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 109 Yeas: 0 Nays.**

**House Bills 4741 & 4742. Include in personal protection order prohibition against harming animals owned by petitioner.**

Under the provisions of this bill the person who is subject to a Personal Protection Order would be restrained or enjoined from doing any of the following with respect to an animal in which the petitioner had an ownership interest: 1. injuring, killing, torturing, neglecting, or threatening to injure, kill, torture, or neglect the animal; 2. remove the animal from the petitioner's possession; 3. interfering with the petitioner's efforts to remove the animal from premises that are solely owned or leased by the individual to be restrained or enjoined.

**Argument against:** The cited cruelties are already covered by the Michigan Penal Code. The interpersonal problems between the individuals in the Personal Protection Order are best resolved by the parties involved under the supervision of the court and the evidence each party may provide. The court's position should be based upon the evidence provided by the individual in the personal protection order and not a rigid law without consideration of circumstances.

**The Michigan Association for Pure Bred Dogs and the Michigan Hunting Dog Federation opposed the bill for the reasons in the argument against.**

**HB 4741 passed the House by a vote of Yeas 106: Nays 0. It did not get considered in the Senate.**

**HB 4742 was not brought up to a vote in the House.**

**HB 4894. Prohibit placing purple paint marks designating a no trespassing area on the property of another without permission.**

This House bill is tie bar with Senate Bill 574 that would authorize the use of purple paint marks to post property as closed to entry. The purple paint marks must be placed on trees or posts around the property using paint approved by the Department of Natural Resources.

**Argument For:** HB 4894 would prevent someone other than the property owner to put purple paint on another person's property thereby preventing access.

**Michigan Hunting Dog Federation supported the bill because illegal marking of property would deter their hunting privileges.**

**Passed the House by a vote of Yeas 103: Nays 1.**

**SB 574 did not get out of the senate committee.**

**HB 5189. Require waiver of state recreational fees for certain veterans.**

The bill would provide an exemption from certain fees for a resident who has been determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to be permanently and totally disabled as a result of military service and entitled to veterans' benefits at the 100 percent rate for disability other than blindness or for a resident who has been a prisoner of war.

**Michigan Hunting Dog Federation took no position.**

**Passed the House by a vote of Yeas 107: Nays 0.**

**HB 5741. Modify eligibility requirements for crossbow hunting permit.**

The bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act concerning eligibility for hunting with modified bows and crossbows in the following ways: (1) modified bows; (2) crossbow permits for disabled persons; (3) crossbow permits for person aged 69 and older.

**Arguments For:** Opening up archery season to crossbows will help with hunter recruitment and retention and provide an economic boost to Michigan by potentially expanding the number of hunters from Michigan and other states and by spurring sales of crossbow equipment and related gear.

**Argument Against:** The Natural Resources Council should be making this decision, not the Legislature, under Proposal G, passed in 1996.

**Michigan Hunting Dog Federation took a neutral position.**

**HB 6007. Increase penalties for killing or torturing animals.**

This bill applies to any vertebrate animal other than a human being (from a guppy fish to a whale). Prohibits: (1) knowingly kill, torture, mutilate, maim, or disfigure an animal; (2) commit a reckless act knowing or having reason to know that the act will cause an animal to be killed, tortured, mutilated, maimed or disfigured; (3) knowingly administer poison to an animal with the intent that the substance be taken or swallowed by the animal.

**Argument against:** The animals which this act does not apply to are interesting. It does not prohibit the lawful killing of livestock or a customary animal husbandry or farming practice. (Livestock does not include dogs and cats.) Does not prohibit the lawful killing of an animal pursuant to any of the following: (1) hunting, trapping, or wildlife control; (2) pest or rodent control regulated by the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act; (3) scientific and medical research; (4) killing of dogs chasing livestock; (5) veterinarians or veterinary technicians lawfully engaging in the practice of veterinary medicine. **Then to which animals does it apply?** Dogs, cats, and household pocket pets such as guinea pigs, rats and pet snakes among others. Therefore, the concept of cruelty depends upon a strong lobbying force to protect their rights in the legislature. No such exemption such as using a customary animal husbandry practice for managing small companion animals was included in the bill.

**Michigan Association for Pure Bred Dogs and the Michigan Hunting Dog Federation opposed the bill because of the inconsistencies in what constitutes cruelty – the animal owners occupation?**

**Passed the House with a vote of; Yeas 86: Nays 14.**

**Two Representatives made the following comments in the House Journal regarding the bill:**

**Rep. Agema:** I love animals, but I find it's amazing we can put in people for longer terms in jail for kicking an animal than harming an individual. It increased fines and fees – more money for the state.

**Rep. Palmer:** I respectfully decline to vote for another piece of legislation that seeks to raise more revenue by increasing fines and penalties, particularly one that addresses the harsh treatment of animals in a tougher manner than harsh treatment of human beings, particularly the unborn. Courts are capable of determining whether the evaluation for counseling is warranted. With scarce resources, judgment as to the need in individual cases should continue. Further, the penalty is clearly disproportionate to other crimes against persons: Michigan has no 8 year felony.

**HB 6338. The bill allows killing, under certain conditions, of swine running at large.**

The bill would allow a local animal control officer, a law enforcement officer, or a person with a valid hunting license to kill swine running at large on public or private property. The bill addresses the problem of “sport swine,” generally Razorback or European wild boar-types raised or imported to Michigan for shooting purpose. These hunting swine pose a significant risk as carriers of disease. In addition, feral swine present a significant environmental risk through habitat destruction and displacement. There are no specific state regulation for hunting swine.

The presence of a pseudorabies outbreak in Michigan has created a need for regulations.

**Supporting Argument.** Feral swine are a growing national problem and have been reported or sighted in 64 of Michigan counties. Michigan large game hunters find these swine challenging game species and are willing to assist the Department of Agriculture in the taking as game for purposes of testing for pseudorabies. The testing program may be a critical part of the prevention of a widespread epidemic to the agricultural swine industry in Michigan.

**Michigan Hunting Dog Federation supported this bill.**

**HB 6338 passed the House with a vote of Yeas 103, Nays 1.**

**HB 6339, a companion bill was not considered by the House Committee on Agriculture.**

**SB 83. Provide for access to voter registration applications for hunting, fishing and fur harvester license applications.**

The bill would require the DNR to provide a link to the Department of State’s voter registration application website page for each applicant who applied on the DNR’s website for a resident hunting, fishing, or fur harvester’s license.

**Supporting Arguments:** The DNR maintains an e-license website that allows customers to purchase hunting and fishing licenses, special hunt applications and permits 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with applicable sales dates. By providing applicants who use this site with a convenient way to register to vote, the bill could encourage increased participation in elections.

**Michigan Association of Pure Bred Dogs and the Michigan Hunting Dog Federation supported this bill.**

**Passed the Senate with Yeas 36: Nays 0: Excused 2.**

**SB 286. Provide for fund-raising vehicle registration specialty plates for Ducks Unlimited.**

Ducks Unlimited, Inc. is dedicated to the preservation and restoration of wetlands. Originally focused on preserving Canadian habitat for waterfowl, the organization has expanded to include chapters throughout North America. According to its websites, as of January 1, 2008, Ducks Unlimited had conserved about 12.3 million acres of wetlands and waterfowl habitat in Canada, the United States, and Mexico including over 50,000 acres in Michigan.

**Arguments For:** Michigan waterfowl hunters have gained considerable recreational enjoyment from the contribution to the preservation of waterfowl habitat.

**Passed the Senate with a vote of Yeas 28: Nays 9: Excused 1.**

**The House Committee on Transportation took no action on the bill.**

**SB 440, 441, 442, 443. Would amend various parts of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to require the Department of Natural (DNR) and the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) to protect the people’s right to hunt and fish lawfully.**

Under SB 440 the general policies would include policies to protect and promote the exercise of the people’s right to lawfully hunt and fish and harvest game and fish that are the property of the State. SB 441 would amend Part 5 to include among the DNR’s duties the protection and promotion of the people’s right to lawfully hunt and fish and to harvest game and fish that are the property of the State, SB 442 (Wildlife Conservation), all animals found in Michigan, whether resident or migratory and whether native or introduced, are the property of the People of the

State. The taking of all animals must be regulated by the DNR as provided by law. The bill would require the taking of animals to be regulated by the DNR or the NRC. SB443 (Sports Fishing.), except as otherwise provided, all fish, reptiles, amphibians, mollusks, and crustaceans found in Michigan are the property of the State and may be taken only at times and in a manner as provided by Part 487.

**Michigan Hunting Dog Federation and the Michigan Association for Pure Bred Dogs supported all four bills.**

**SB 440 passed the Senate with a vote of Yeas 38: Nays 0.**

**SB 441 passed the Senate with a vote of Yeas 38: Nays 0**

**SB 442 passed the Senate with a vote of Yeas 38: Nays 0**

**SB 443 passed the Senate with a vote of Yeas 38: Nays 0**

**Bills referred to the House of Representatives Tourism, Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources Committee. No action was taken.**

**SB 626. Prohibit dog racing and dog race simulcasting.**

The bill would prohibit dog races in Michigan and prescribe penalties. Dog racing is not defined in the bill. It does prohibit dog racing for purposes of wagering and gambling. The bill states that “wagering or gambling” does not include the payment of a purse, prize, or entry fee to the owner, manager, or trainer of a dog in connection with a race in which the dog races. The sponsors believed that this exclusion would invalidate the prizes and awards normally distributed to the winners of competitive races such as sled dog races, agility races and breed prizes as being gambling or wagering. However, the final section of the bill clearly states “This act does not preclude prosecution under the Michigan Penal Code. 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.1 to 750.568.w. The text of the penal code provision (MCL 750,301) is:

“Any person or his or her agent or employee who, directly or indirectly, takes, receives, or accepts from any person any money or valuable thing with the agreement, understanding or allegation that any money or valuable thing will be paid or delivered to any person where the payment or delivery is alleged to be or will be contingent upon the result of any race, contest, or game or upon the happening of any event not known by the parties to be certain, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 1 year or a fine of not more than \$1,000.00”

Therefore the decision of the prosecution would depend upon which law would apply.

**Michigan Association for Pure Bred Dogs and the Michigan Hunting Dog Federation opposed the bill.**

**Passed the Senate with a vote of Yeas 36: Nays 0: excused 2.**

**The bill was assigned to the House Committee on Regulatory Reforms and no further action was taken.**

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### **Part III**

#### **Bills Introduced But Not Passed House or Senate**

##### **House Introduced Bills**

**HB 4016** Revise opening day for deer hunting season to second Saturday in November. Referred to Committee on Tourism, Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources. **No position.**

**HB 4139** Specify sodomy of an animal for inclusion in sex offender registration requirement. Referred to Committee on Families and Children’s Services. **Opposed.**

**HB 4188** Include conservation districts as qualified organization allowed to conduct charitable gaming. Referred to Committee on Regulatory Reform. **No position.**

**HB 4217** Consumer protection. Clarify unfair trade practices. Application of Michigan consumer protection act to actions expressly permitted by law. Referred to Committee on Judiciary. **Supported.**

- HB 4218** Require teachers to provide alternative for students who have a moral objection to dissection. Referred to Committee on Education. **Opposed.**
- HB 4497** Prohibit use of steel jaw traps to take game. Referred to Committee on Tourism, Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources. **Opposed.**
- HB 4524** Eliminates the fee for hunting and fishing licenses obtained by active military affairs personnel. Referred to Committee on Tourism, Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources. **Supported.**
- HB 4554** Allow use of smokeless gun powder in some circumstances as black powder in hunting. Referred to Committee on Tourism, Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources. **No position.**
- HB 4624** Increase hunting licensing fees. Referred to Committee on Appropriations. **Opposed.**
- HB 4742** Increase penalties for killing or torturing animals in perpetration of domestic violence. Referred to Committee on Judiciary. **Opposed.**
- HB 4743** Sentencing guidelines for crimes of killing or torturing an animal in perpetrating an act of domestic violence. Referred to Committee on Judiciary. **Opposed.**
- HB 5000** Allow dog in food service establishments in certain outdoor cafes. Referred to Committee on Regulatory Reform. **Supported.**
- HB 5185** Expand the definition of livestock in the dog law of 1919 to include alpaca, lamas, and privately owned cervids. Referred to the Committee on Agriculture. **Supported.**
- HB 5263** Prohibit and regulate the purchase and sale of random source animals by research facility or dealer obtaining dogs or cats from an animal control shelter or animal protection shelter. Referred to Committee on Regulatory Reform. **Opposed.**
- HB 5504** Individuals unable to purchase hunting, fur harvester's or fishing license during government shutdown be exempt from licensing requirements, and keep hunting land open regardless of funding. Referred to Committee on Tourism, Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources. **Supported.**
- HB 5598** Provide for placement of pets by court in an annulment, divorce, or separate maintenance action. Referred to Committee on Judiciary. **Opposed.**
- HB 5668** Modify proof of vaccination upon dog license application process. Referred to Committee on Agriculture. **Supported.**
- HB 5738** Create certain protections for purchasers of dogs and cats. Referred to Committee on Regulatory Reform. **Opposed.**
- HB 5740** Provide for annual auction of certain number of elk and bear permits. Referred to Committee on Tourism, Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources. **Supported.**
- HB 5946** Increase protections for cruelty to animals. Referred to Committee on Judiciary. **Opposed.**
- HB 5961** Provide penalties for abandoning or releasing exotic animals. Referred to Committee on Agriculture. **No position.**
- HB 5985** Clarify procedures for transportation of handguns by out-of-state residents. Referred to the Committee on Tourism, Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources. **No position.**

## Senate Introduced Bills

- SB 349.** Provide for check-off option on state income tax form for animal welfare fund. Referred to Committee on Finance. **Opposed**
- SB 438.** Allow the application of hunting, fishing or fur harvester's application for hunting fishing, or fur harvester's license to serve as voter registration. Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs. **No position.**
- SB 465.** Prohibit employment decisions based upon ownership of a firearm. Referred to Committee on Commerce and Tourism. **Supported.**
- SB 574.** Allow purple paint marks designating a no trespassing area. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs. **Supported**
- SB 755.** Waive hunting and fishing license fees for certain veterans with disabilities. Referred to Committee on Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs. **Supported.**
- SB 1258.** Modify penalties for dangerous animals. Referred to Committee on Judiciary. **Opposed.**
- SB 1259.** Sentencing guidelines for crime of dangerous animal causing injury or running at large. Referred to Committee on Judiciary. **Opposed**
- SB 1260.** Provide for under certain circumstances payment of damages including veterinary expenses caused when one dog bites another. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary. **Opposed.**
- SB 1405.** Provide for penalties for engaging, soliciting, or possessing items that depict animal fighting. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary. **Opposed.**
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This concludes a report of all the bills that were tracked, evaluated, and enacted into law during the 2007-2008 session of the Michigan Legislature.

Bills that were introduced but did not receive favorable votes from either the House or Senate may be reintroduced in the 2009 – 2010 session and your officers and fellow members will do our best to protect our recreational enjoyment of dogs and the outdoor environment by tracking the bills introduced in the 2009-1010 session..

Many hours of work were volunteered to accomplish our objective of protecting the pleasure of working with dogs for companionship, and hunting,.

Please give us your support by becoming an individual or club member and keep in contact with your own district Senator and Representative to express your support in enacting legislation that maintain your recreational activities with the companionship of your canine friends.

Visit the web pages for the Michigan Association for Pure Bred Dogs at [www.MAPBD.org](http://www.MAPBD.org) or

Michigan Hunting Dog Federation

[www.michiganhuntingdogs.com](http://www.michiganhuntingdogs.com)

Your comments on our work in the legislative arena are always welcome and I encourage you to contact me through the following contact information. If you wish to be on our database to receive e-mails, please supply me with your name, address, telephone number, e-mail address and the type of dog activity that you participate in.

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