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**Senate Committee on Judiciary**  
**Minutes**

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Judiciary was held on Tuesday, July 30, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 110 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.

Members present: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, and Bieda  
Members excused: Rocca

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Senator Jones called the meeting to order and announced the order of business for the meeting:

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| SB 309 | Sen. Brandenburg | Torts; nonmedical malpractice; affidavit of merit; require for malpractice action against architect or professional engineer.   |
| SB 409 | Sen. Jones       | Crimes; other; unlawful imprisonment; include as predicate offense for first degree murder.   |
| SB 377 | Sen. Bieda       | Criminal procedure; other; animal abuse offenders registry; create.   |
| SB 378 | Sen. Bieda       | Animals; animal shelters; use of animal abuse registry by animal control shelters and animal protection shelters when allowing an animal adoption; require, and prohibit animal control shelters and animal protection shelters from allowing a person listed on an animal abuse registry to adopt an animal. |
| SB 386 | Sen. Jones       | Crimes; animals; ownership of animals by a person convicted by certain crimes against animals; require court to prohibit for a period of at least 5 years.  |

Senator Bieda moved to adopt the minutes from June 18, 2013 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Jones placed before the committee Senate Bill 309 (Sen. Brandenburg) for testimony. Leighton Shreen, staff for Senator Brandenburg, explained the bill and answered questions from committee members.

The following persons testified on Senate Bill 309 and answered questions from committee members:

- Ben Tiseo, American Institute of Architects—Support
- Ron Brenke, American Council of Engineering Companies—Support
- John Sier, Building Owners & Managers Association—Oppose
- Craig Thompson, Attorney—Support

The following persons submitted testimony cards, but did not wish to speak, on Senate Bill 309:

- Bill Flory, Michigan Association for Justice—Oppose

Senator Jones placed before the committee Senate Bill 409 (Sen. Jones). Senator Jones announced that there was a substitute for consideration. Senator Jones explained the bill and substitute to committee members and answered questions.

The following persons testified on Senate Bill 409 and answered questions from committee members:

- Teana Walsh, Wayne County Prosecutor's Office—Support

The following persons submitted testimony cards, but did not wish to speak, on Senate Bill 409:

- Noah Smith, Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan—Neutral

Senator Bieda moved that the S-2 substitute be adopted to Senate Bill 409. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of the majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Bieda (3/4)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: Senator Rocca (1)

Senator Bieda moved that Senate Bill 409 (S-2) be reported out of committee with the recommendation that the bill then pass. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Bieda (3/4)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: Senator Rocca (1)

Senator Bieda moved the committee recommend immediate effect. Without objection, the committee further recommended that Senate Bill 409 (S-2) be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Jones placed before the committee Senate Bills 377 & 378 (Sen. Bieda) and Senate Bill 386 (Sen. Jones) for testimony. Senator Bieda and Representative Santana explained the bills to committee members and answered questions. Senator Jones offered additional comments on the bills.

The following persons testified on Senate Bills 377, 378, & 386, and answered questions from committee members:

- Kim Cochran, Michigan Association for Pure Bred Dogs—Oppose (SB 377)
- Anne Hier, J.D., Michigan Association for Pure Bred Dogs—Oppose (SB 377)
- Matthew Falk, Logan's Law—Support (all bills)
- Lynne Zalenski, Logan's Law—Support (all bills)

- Cindy Cooke, Protect MI Dogs—Oppose (SB 377 & 378)
- Anne Groves, citizen—Support (all bills)
- Norman Van Etten, Detroit Dog Rescue—Support (SB 377)
- Jame McAloon Lampman, Ingham County Animal Control Agency—Support (SB 377 & 378)
- Julia Palmer, Capital Area Humane Society—Support (SB 377 & 378)

The following persons submitted testimony cards, but did not wish to speak, on Senate Bills 377, 378, & 386:

- Derek Bajema & Dr. Nancy Frank, Department of Agriculture & Rural Development—No position (all bills)
- Earl Darby, citizen—Support (SB 377 & 378)
- Matt Darby, citizen—Support (SB 377 & 378)
- Carol Darby, citizen—Support (SB 377 & 378)
- Janice Reed-Smith, citizen—Support (SB 377 & 378)
- Catherine Rich, Logan’s Law—Support (SB 377)
- Nick Markopoulos, Logan’s Law—Support (SB 386)
- Tonia Ritter, Michigan Farm Bureau—Oppose as introduced (SB 386)
- Anita McLaren, citizen—Support (SB 386)
- Kelly Cline, Logan’s Law—Support (all bills)
- Michele Zobl, Logan’s Law—Support (all bills)
- Carry Clark, Logan’s Law—Support (all bills)
- Debora Harris, Logan’s Law—Support (all bills)
- Mick Zobl, Logan’s Law—Support (all bills)
- Nancy Falk, Logan’s Law—Support (all bills)
- Sharon Cross, Logan’s Law—Support (all bills)
- Mark Olson, Logan’s Law—Support (all bills)
- Laura Dancey, Logan’s Law—Support (all bills)

Senator Jones moved to excuse absent members. Without objection, absent members were excused.

With no further business before the committee, Senator Jones adjourned the committee without objection at 11:38 a.m.

Date Approved by Committee: August 27, 2013

\*\*An audio recording of this committee meeting is available upon request for a minimal fee.