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

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Judiciary was held on Tuesday, June 18, 2013 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 110 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m.

Members present: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca, and Bieda  
Members excused: none

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

SB 254 Sen. Robertson Children; parental rights; process for judicial waiver of parental consent requirement; clarify.

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 11, 2013 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Rocca entered the committee room at 2:33 p.m.

Senator Jones placed before the committee Senate Bill 254 (Sen. Robertson).

The following persons testified on Senate Bill 254 and answered questions from committee members:

- Mary Pollock, Michigan National Organization for Women—Oppose

Senator Robertson and Ed Rivet, representing Right to Life of Michigan, explained the bill to committee members and answered questions.

The following persons submitted testimony cards, but did not wish to speak, on Senate Bill 254:

- Bill Kandler, Michigan Section – American Congress of OB/GYNs—Oppose (as written)
- Shelli Weisberg, American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan—Oppose
- Rebecca Mastee, Michigan Catholic Conference—Support
- Dan Jarvis, Michigan Family Forum—Support

Senator Jones moved that Senate Bill 254 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, Rocca (3/4)

Nays: Senator Bieda (1)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Jones moved the committee recommend immediate effect. Without objection, the committee further recommended that Senate Bill 254 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) Senator Bieda and his staff, Renee Edmondson, explained the bills to committee members and answered questions.

Senator Jones announced that due to time constraints and the senators being called back to session, another committee meeting would be held in the future to allow those wishing to speak on the bills an opportunity. Senator Jones then read in all testimony cards submitted regarding the bill into the record.

The following persons submitted testimony cards on Senate Bills 377, 378, & 386:

- Nancy Falk, Logan’s Law—Support
- Derek Bajema and Dr. James Averll, Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and the State Veterinarian—Neutral (SB 386)
- Derek Bajema and Dr. James Averll, Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and the State Veterinarian—Neutral with concerns (SB 377 & 378)
- Mia McNeil, Protect MI Dogs—Oppose (SB 377 & 378)
- Noal Smith, Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan—Oppose
- Shelli Weisberg, American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan—Oppose
- Laura Dancey, Logan’s Law—Support
- Kelly Cline, Logan’s Law—Support
- W. Roger Huntington, Logan’s Law—Support
- Lynne A. Turney Zalenski, Logan’s Law—Support
- Catherine Rich, Logan’s Law—Support
- Norman R. Van Etten, Detroit Dog Rescue—Support
- Cindy Cooke, Protect MI Dogs—Oppose (SB 377 & 378)
- Jamie McAloon Lampman, Mason Animal Control—Support (SB 377 & 378)
- Bob Darden, Michgian Association for Pure Bred Dogs—Oppose (SB 377 & 378)
- George Carr, Michigan Veterinary Medical Association—Neutral with amendments (SB 377)
- Matt Falk, Logan’s Law—Support
- Beatrice M. Friedlander, Animals and Society Institute & the State Bar of Michigan Animal Law Section—Support
- Ginny Mikita, JD, Mikita Kruse Law Center—Support
- Jim Bader Dum, Mapleview Animal Hospital—Support

- Matt Darby, citizen—Support (SB 377 & 378)
- Carol Darby, citizen—Support (SB 377 & 378)
- Earl Darby, citizen—Support (SB 377 & 378)
- Richard C. Angelo, Jr., citizen—Support
- Katherine Cross, citizen—Support

Senator Bieda made a brief statement regarding continued work to be done on the bills.

With no further business before the committee, Senator Jones adjourned the committee without objection at 2:50 p.m.

Date Approved by Committee: July 30, 2013

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