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Legislative Alert

Michigan Association for Pure Bred Dogs

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SB 239

This bill prohibits a local unit of government from enacting an ordinance or rule that regulates a dog based solely on breed, perceived breed, or type.

MAPBD SUPPORTS THIS BILL:

- All dog owners should be held responsible for the actions of their dogs, regardless of breed.
- Michigan already has non breed-specific laws regulating dangerous animals.
- Breed-specific laws arbitrarily punish law abiding dog owners simply because of the breed they own. Indeed, in some instances, owners have been forced to surrender well-behaved pets who have never caused problems to shelters, simply because they own a targeted breed.
- Currently, 20 other states prohibit breed-specific dog laws.
- SB 239 properly focuses on the problem of irresponsible dog owners, regardless of the breed of dog.

FOR THE ABOVE REASONS, MAPBD SUPPORTS THIS BILL.

MAPBD is a Michigan non-profit organization founded in 1964. MAPBD advocates responsible dog ownership and promotes fair and reasonable animal legislation in the state.

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