

Local resident, dog rescuer and former animal control officer, Ann Marie Rogers seeks our support in contacting our legislators to oppose House Bill HB-4035 below. This bill would make it impossible, for example, for Oakland Township or any other municipality to ban Pitt-Bulls, if we so desired. Ms. Rogers and Lana Managiapane (Township Trustee) have testified in the state legislature in the past when such bills were considered in committee.

See Ms. Rogers complete email after the bill below. Recent Michigan fatalities caused by Pitt-Bulls, cited by Ms. Rogers are:

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Bob Yager – Editor – Oakland Township Sentinel

House Bill HB-4035

January 15, 2019, Introduced by Reps. Ellison, Frederick, Kuppa, Sneller, Kennedy, Cambensy, Hertel, Brixie, Gay-Dagnogo and Crawford and referred to the Committee on Local Government and Municipal Finance.

A bill to prohibit a local unit of government from enacting or enforcing an ordinance, policy, resolution, or rule that regulates a dog based upon the breed or perceived breed of the dog; and to provide for the powers and duties of certain local governmental entities.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 1. (1) A local unit of government shall not enact or
- 2 enforce an ordinance, policy, resolution, or rule that regulates a
- 3 dog based upon breed or perceived breed. This act does not prohibit

1 a local unit of government from enacting an ordinance, policy,
 2 resolution, or rule that places restrictions or imposes additional
 3 requirements on dogs or dog owners.

4 (2) As used in this act, "local unit of government" means a
 5 county, city, village, or township.

6 Enacting section 1. This act takes effect 90 days after the
 7 date it is enacted into law.

"Dear Responsible Citizens for Public Safety:

*BAD NEWS!!! Standing Committee Meeting Local Government and Municipal Finance, Rep.
 James Lower, Chair*

DATE: Wednesday, February 19, 2020 TIME: 12:00 PM

PLACE: Room 519, House Office Building, Lansing, MI

*AGENDA: HB 4035 (Rep. Ellison Democrat) Animals; dogs; local government regulating a dog
 based on breed or perceived breed; **prohibit**.*

*This is a **PREEMPTION** bill, meaning that if enacted, it would **STRIP LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
 of their AUTHORITY** to enact or enforce existing animal control ordinances in their
 communities. **A legislative approach should not be so comprehensive that a municipality
 cannot protect its residents.***

*Whether you agree or not on the subject of this bill's preemption, the crux of the matter is that
this bill enables a STATE POWER GRAB.*

*What if the state legislature attempted to strip local municipalities of their right to "opt out" of
 allowing marijuana dispensaries in their communities or strip bars or other entities considered a
 nuisance or problem by the citizens of that community?! The issue here is maintaining local
 control. **This is about bureaucrats that are making deals with lobbyists that don't care
 about your community.** **Local governments know best how to govern
 issues in their communities as they are closest to their residents.***

*There are about 40 communities in Michigan that have some form of breed specific legislation
 or breed safety laws (BSL) that want to keep their ordinances that have been enacted after
 serious attacks or fatalities in their area. Other communities are considering enacting measures*

*to regulate pit bull ownership in the interest of public safety as severe attacks have been escalating in Michigan. If this bill passes, communities would have NO AUTHORITY to keep their residents safe! **Animal control policies should remain in the hands of local officials, not issued through a state preemption law that has been written by out of state lobbyists and special interest groups. Public policy related to human safety should not be directed by animal advocacy groups. The priority of our legislature should be for the protection of public safety, not about the protection of fighting breed dogs. The question should be would the passage of this bill keep Michigan residents safer? The answer is NO.***

[Michigan saw a high number of pit bull attacks and related fatalities in 2019:](#)

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Both the Michigan Municipal League and Michigan Township Association OPPOSE this preemption bill.

Local governments should have the legal right to make public safety laws that they think best serve their citizens.

It should be up to the individual local governments to decide if breed safety laws are affordable and enforceable for their jurisdictions.

Please email, and call your representatives and urge them to OPPOSE HB 4035 to KEEP LOCAL CONTROL!

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Thank you for your attention to this serious matter.

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