

May Letter to Michigan House of Representatives

Regarding House Bill 4681.

To: Honorable Representatives of the State of Michigan

From: Daniel W. Brodie, 2013 President of the Michigan State Auctioneers Association

Honored Representatives:

As president of the State of Michigan's largest organization for the profession of Auctioneers, it is our association's position that the auctioneer's registration act must be retained. Our association supports the corrections to the current act as are set forth in HB 4503.

The Michigan State Auctioneers Association is dedicated to the enhancement of Michigan's Auction Industry through education, promotion, advocacy and networking. Our membership averages 350 members that transcend the various types of auctioneers including: industrial, agricultural, live stock, real estate, art & antiques, commercial, estates, automobiles, bankruptcy, household, collectables, etc.

Our auction method of sale has long been held as the most open and fair method to allow for equal opportunities for all. The voluntary registration act including the correction proposed in HB 4503 represent the very best opportunity for the mutual interest of the public, the sellers and the buyers to be fairly met.

Registration gives the public and the profession a reasonable level of comfort that the fair handling of all interests concerned is met.

A few years back a special interest group attempted to have a slanted license law adopted. This law only protected the interest of it supporters. It required both auctioneers and sellers to provide expensive and unneeded measures. The proposed law was an attempt to unfairly limit competition, denying the public the access to reasonably priced goods and sellers to reasonably priced services.

The Michigan State Auctioneers Association stands firmly against any unfair trade practice or overly restrictive legislation and wishes to have Article 29 of the Occupational Code remain in place as corrected by HB 4503.

Regards,



Daniel W. Brodie, 2013 President, Michigan State Auctioneers Association