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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Today I vetoed Enrolled House Bill 5916 and Enrolled House Bill 5917. Enrolled House Bill 5916 would have amended Public Act 287 of 1969, which governs pet shops and animal control and protection shelters. The bill would have imposed a number of specific requirements upon pet shops, and owners, managers, and employees of pet shops.

Local control is a longstanding concept in Michigan and any concerns the bill might have addressed are manifestly local in nature. To the extent such concerns exist in a given local unit, local officials should be afforded the discretion to address them rather than having the State impose a one-size-fits-all approach.

Enrolled House Bill 5917 raises similar considerations. It would have created a new public act to prohibit local units from enacting or enforcing ordinances, policies, resolutions, or rules that would have arbitrarily banned qualified pet shops.

With that in mind, I have vetoed Enrolled House Bill 5916 and Enrolled House Bill 5917.

Sincerely,



Rick Snyder  
Governor