# **PENDING LEGISLATION**

*Thursday, November 30th, 2023* Newest legislative activity is highlighted in <mark>yellow</mark> Bill numbers with hyperlink direct to bill text All bill summaries are direct quotes from official state websites

#### State Legislation:

Bill No.	Summary	Latest Action	Adjourn
<u>MA H 747</u>	An Act relative to the sale of dogs and cats in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts	2/15/23: Referred to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources Senate concurred HEARING Joint Committee on Environment and Natural Resources • MA Hearing scheduled for 11/08/2023 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in A-2	Informal session begins 11/16/23
<u>MA H 801</u>	An Act relative to dogs brought into the Commonwealth by animal rescue organizations	2/15/23: Referred to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources Senate concurred HEARING Joint Committee on Environment and Natural Resources • MA Hearing scheduled for 11/08/2023 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in A-2	Informal session begins 11/16/23
MA H 826 MA S 550 MA S 549	An Act banning the retail sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits in new pet shops	2/15/23: Referred to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources Senate concurred HEARING Joint Committee on Environment and Natural Resources • MA Hearing scheduled for 11/08/2023 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in A-2	Informal session begins 11/16/23
<u>MA H 3245</u>	An Act relative to the use of elephants, big cats, primates, giraffes, and bears in traveling exhibits and shows By Representatives Fiola of Fall River and Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3245) of Carole A. Fiola, Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to the use of elephants, big cats, primates, giraffes, and bears in traveling exhibits and shows. Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development.	02/16/2023: Referred to the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development 02/16/2023: Senate concurred 07/14/2023: Hearing scheduled for 07/24/2023 from 10:00 AM-01:00 PM in A-1 HEARING Joint Committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development Traveling Animal Shows - Joint Committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural DevelopmentThe Joint Committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development is holding a public bill hearing on July 24th at 10am. Both in-person and virtual testimony will be heard at the discretion of the chairs. The purpose of this meeting is to provide interested members of the public an opportunity to provide input to the Committee on the following pieces of legislation related to Traveling animal shows as they pertain to the Tourism, Arts and Cultural sectors. To submit written testimony, please	Informal session begins 11/16/23

		email testimony to Derek.Dunlea@mahouse.gov and Gabrielle.Hanson@masenate.gov with the subject line "Written Testimony – TACD 7/24/23". To provide oral testimony, please fill out this form https://forms.office.com/g/iKyTzUCYAh by 10am on July 21st. Please be advised that the schedule and agenda are subject to change at the discretion of the Chairs. If you have any questions or concerns about this hearing you may contact Derek Dunlea or Gabrielle Hanson at Derek.Dunlea@mahouse.gov and Gabrielle.Hanson@masenate.gov. Date: 07/24/2023 Time: 9:00 AM -05:00 Location: A-1 and Virtual	
<u>MA S 190</u>	An Act prohibiting inhumane feline declawing	02/15/23: Referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure House concurred 06/14/23: Hearing scheduled for 06/26/2023 from 01:00 PM-04:00 PM in B-2 10/18/23: Bill reported favorably by committee and referred to the committee on Senate Ways and Means	Informal session begins 11/16/23
<u>MA S 491</u>	An Act relative to creating an animal advisory board to the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture By Ms. Gobi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 491) of Anne M. Gobi and Kimberly N. Ferguson for legislation relative to creating an animal advisory board to the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture. Environment and Natural Resources.	02/16/23: Referred to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources 02/16/23: House concurred 04/13/23: Discharged to the committee on Agriculture 04/18/23: House concurred 05/05/23: Hearing scheduled for 05/15/2023 from 11:00 AM-01:00 PM in Gardner Auditorium	Informal session begins 11/16/23
<u>MA S 2189</u>	An Act relative to the use of elephants, big cats, primates, giraffes, and bears in traveling exhibits and shows By Mr. Gomez, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2189) of Adam Gomez, Vanna Howard, Michael O. Moore, Thomas M. Stanley and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to the use of elephants, big cats, primates, giraffes, and bears in traveling exhibits and shows. Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development.	02/16/2023: Referred to the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development 02/16/2023: Senate concurred 07/14/2023: Hearing scheduled for 07/24/2023 from 10:00 AM-01:00 PM in A-1	Informal session begins 11/16/23
<u>MA S 2197</u>	An Act relative to the use of elephants, big cats, primates, giraffes, and bears in traveling exhibits and shows By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2197) of Bruce E. Tarr, Edward J. Kennedy, Jack Patrick Lewis, Vanna Howard and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to the use of elephants, big cats, primates, giraffes, and bears in traveling exhibits and shows. Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development	02/16/2023: Referred to the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development 02/16/2023: Senate concurred 07/14/2023: Hearing scheduled for 07/24/2023 from 10:00 AM-01:00 PM in A-1	Informal session begins 11/16/23

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<u>NJ S 981</u>	Establishes procedures for seizure, care, and forfeiture of animals involved in animal cruelty violations.*	01/31/22: Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Environment and Energy Committee 03/14/22: Reported from Senate Committee, 2nd Reading 03/24/22: Passed by the Senate (36-0) 03/24/22: Received in the Assembly, Referred to Assembly Agriculture and Food Security Committee 03/23/23: Reported out of Asm. Comm. with Amendments, and Referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee 05/18/23: Reported out of Assembly Comm. with Amendments, 2nd Reading 05/25/23: Substituted for A2354 (2R) 05/25/23: Passed by the Assembly (68-3-1) 06/01/23: Received in the Senate, 2nd Reading on Concurrence 06/20/23: Passed Senate (Passed Both Houses) (37-0) 07/26/23: Approved P.L.2023, c.129.	1/8/24
<u>NJ S 1803</u>	Prohibits surgical declawing of cats and other animals.	02/28/22: Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Environment and Energy Committee 02/16/23: Transferred to Senate Economic Growth Committee 02/16/23: Reported from Senate Committee, 2nd Reading 02/16/23: Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee Upcoming Events Senate Economic Growth Committee Date: 02/16/2023 Time: 9:30 AM -06:00 Location: Committee Room 4, 1st Floor, State House Annex, Trenton, NJ	1/8/24
<u>NJ S 3421</u>	Prohibits sale of cats, dogs, or rabbit by pet shops; prohibits certain transactions between animal shelters, pounds, animal rescue organizations, and animal breeders or brokers; repeals "Pet Purchase Protection Act."	12/18/22: Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Economic Growth Committee	1/8/24
<u>NJ S 4079</u>	Prohibits sale of cats, dogs, or rabbits by pet shops; repeals "Pet Purchase Protection Act."	11/26/23: Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Economic Growth Committee	1/8/24
<u>PA HB 526</u>	An Act amending the act of December 7, 1982 (P.L.784, No.225), known as the Dog Law, in licenses, tags and kennels, further providing for requirements for kennels.	03/17/23: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS	12/31/23

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<u>PA HB 846</u>	An Act amending the act of December 7, 1982 (P.L.784, No.225), known as the Dog Law, in short title and definitions, further providing for definitions; in licenses, tags and kennels, further providing for kennels; and imposing penalties.	04/10/23: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS	12/31/23
<u>PA HB 1318</u>	An Act providing for prohibition on sale of dogs and cats bred by certain persons, for duty of persons, kennels and animal testing facilities to offer dogs and cats for adoption and for whistleblower protection; and imposing penalties.	6/4/23: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS	12/31/23
<u>PA HB 1322</u>	An Act amending the act of December 7, 1982 (P.L.784, No.225), known as the Dog Law	6/4/23: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS	12/31/23
<u>PA HB 1451</u>	An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in special licenses and permits, further providing for definitions, for exotic wildlife possession permits, for menagerie permits and for exclusions.	06/20/2023: Referred to GAME AND FISHERIES HEARING House Game & Fisheries Committee Voting meeting on HB 493, HB 1089, HB 1409, and HB 1451. Date: 06/28/2023 Time: 8:00 AM -05:00 Location: Room 523 Irvis OfficeLIVE STREAMED 6/27/23: Reported as committed First consideration Re-committed to RULES 9/21/23: Re-reported as committed Laid on the table Removed from table Re-committed to RULES 10/29/23: Re-reported as committed Second consideration Re-committed to APPROPRIATIONS 10/30/23: Re-reported as committed 11/12/23: Third consideration and final passage 11/20/23: Referred to GAME AND FISHERIES	12/31/23
<u>PA SB 701</u>	An Act providing for prohibition on sale of dogs and cats bred by certain persons, for duty of persons, kennels and animal testing facilities to offer dogs and cats for adoption and for whistleblower protection; and imposing penalties.	05/15/23: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS	12/31/23
<u>PA SB 785</u>	An Act establishing the Animal Welfare Board; and providing for its powers and duties.	6/13/23: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS	12/31/23

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<u>WI AB 124</u>	the definition of public zoos and aquariums for purposes of captive wildlife regulations. (FE) An Act to amend 169.01 (28) of the statutes;	03/24/23: Introduced by Representatives Dallman, Swearingen, Brooks, Moses, Murphy, Novak and Tusler; cosponsored by Senators Wanggaard, Ballweg and Felzkowski 03/24/23: Read first time and referred to Committee on Tourism 03/27/23: Fiscal estimate received 09/05/23: Public hearing held 10/03/23: Executive action taken 10/04/23: Report passage recommended by Committee on Tourism, Ayes 7, Noes 4 Referred to committee on Rules	12/31/23
<u>WI SB 126</u>	the definition of public zoos and aquariums for purposes of captive wildlife regulations.	03/07/23: Introduced by Senators Wanggaard, Ballweg and Felzkowski; cosponsored by Representatives Dallman, Swearingen, Brooks, Moses, Murphy, Novak and Tusler Read first time Referred to Committee on Labor, Regulatory Reform, Veterans and Military Affairs 03/23/23: Fiscal estimate received LINK 08/28/23: Public hearing held	12/31/23

## Federal Legislation:

<u>US HR 208</u>	Pet Safety and Protection Act of 2023 To amend the Animal Welfare Act to ensure that all dogs and cats used by research facilities are obtained legally	1/08/23: Introduced in House Referred to House Committee on Agriculture	1/3/25
<u>US HR 1184</u>	To amend the Animal Health Protection Act with respect to the importation of live dogs, and for other purposes.	02/23/23: Introduced in House Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture. <mark>03/22/23: Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock,</mark> Dairy, and Poultry.	1/3/25
<u>US HR 1465</u>	Violet's Law	03/08/23: Introduced in House 03/08/23: Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture. <mark>04/04/23: Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock,</mark> Dairy, and Poultry.	1/3/25
<u>US HR 1480</u>	Beagle Brigade Act of 2023	03/09/23: Introduced in House 03/09/23: Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture. 04/05/23: Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry. 05/11/23: Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry Discharged. 05/11/23: Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.	1/3/25

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		05/11/23: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.	
<u>US HR 1558</u>	To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to provide that nonnative species in the United States shall not be treated as endangered species or threatened species for purposes of that Act.	03/10/23: Introduced in House 03/10/23: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.	1/3/25
<u>US HR 2742</u>	Fighting Inhumane Gambling and High-Risk Trafficking Act or the FIGHT Act This bill expands protections of animals provided under the Animal Welfare Act, including by prohibiting any (1) broadcasts from international, interstate, or intrastate sources of animal fighting ventures in the United States or U.S. territories; and (2) shipments or transport of certain mature roosters.	04/20/23: Introduced in House 04/20/23: Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned. 05/15/23: Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, a;nd Poultry.	1/3/25
<u>US HR 2878</u>	To require research facilities that use companion dogs, cats, or rabbits for research purposes and receive funding from the National Institutes of Health to offer such animals for adoption after completion of such research, and for other purposes.	04/25/23: Introduced in House Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.	1/3/25
<u>US HR 2939</u>	To amend the Animal Welfare Act to prohibit the confinement of pregnant pigs, and for other purposes.	04/27/23: Introduced in House 04/27/23: Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.	1/3/25
<u>US HR 3783</u>	Mink VIRUS Act	06/01/23: Introduced in House 06/01/23: Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned. 07/10/2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry.	1/3/25
<u>US HR 3859</u>	Animal Welfare Enforcement Improvement Act This bill revises the licensing process of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) for animal dealers and exhibitors to expand USDA's oversight and enforcement of animal welfare requirements. Dealers and exhibitors must apply to USDA for licenses or renewal licenses each year. In order to obtain the licenses or renewals, dealers and exhibitors must meet certain standards for the humane treatment of animals and pass inspections as specified by	06/06/23: Introduced in House 06/06/23: Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture. 07/28/23: Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry.	1/3/25

	this bill. USDA may not issue or renew such licenses if the dealers or exhibitors have violated laws relating to animals or if the issuance of the licenses would facilitate the circumvention of state or local laws that prohibit the private ownership of certain animals.		
	Further, USDA must suspend the licenses of dealers or exhibitors whose violations present a risk to animal welfare. USDA must revoke the licenses if the violations persist or if the licensees commit multiple violations. Dealers and exhibitors with suspended or revoked licenses may not be (1) granted another license, (2) granted another license through another person or entity, or (3) employed by another licensee to work with animals during the period of the suspension or revocation.		
<u>US HR 3894</u>	To amend the Animal Welfare Act to prohibit commercial greyhound racing, live lure training, and open field coursing, and for other purposes.	6/6/23: Introduced in House Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture. <mark>7/27/23: Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock,</mark> Dairy, and Poultry.	1/3/25
<u>US HR 4922</u>	Lacey Act Amendments To amend title 18, United States Code, to enhance protections against the importation, and transport between States, of injurious species, and for other purposes	Link to USARK info 07/25/23: Introduced in House Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.	1/3/25
<u>US HR 5041</u>	To amend the Animal Welfare Act to expand and improve the enforcement capabilities of the Attorney General, and for other purposes.	07/27/23: Introduced in House 07/27/23: Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture. 09/18/23: Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry.	1/3/25
<u>US HR 5504</u>	A bill to require the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to withdraw proposed rules relating to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and for other purposes.	09/14/23: Introduced in House Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources. 10/23/23: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries. HEARING <u>Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries</u> 10/25/23 2:15 EST 1334 LHOB Washington, D.C.	1/3/25
US HR 5897	To amend the Animal Welfare Act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a program under which the Secretary will	10/05/23: Introduced in House <mark>10/24/23: Referred to the House Committee on</mark> Agriculture.	1/3/25

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	award grants to entities for purposes of supporting the capability of such entities to provide care to animals in their care, and for other purposes.		
<u>US S 502</u>	A bill to amend the Animal Health Protection Act with respect to the importation of live dogs, and for other purposes.	02/16/23: Introduced in Senate 02/16/23: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.	1/3/25
<u>US S 771</u>	A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to include a prohibition on the listing of a living nonnative species as a threatened species or an endangered species, and for other purposes.	03/09/23: Introduced in Senate 03/09/23: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.	1/3/25
<u>US S 1529</u>	A bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to provide for greater protection of roosters, and for other purposes.	05/10/23: Introduced in Senate 05/10/23: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.	1/3/25
<u>US S 1614</u>	Lacey Act Amendments of 2023	Link to USARK info	1/3/25
		05/15/23: Introduced in Senate Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.	
<u>US S 2395</u>	WILD Act	<ul> <li>07/19/23: Introduced in Senate</li> <li>07/19/23: Read twice and referred to the Committee</li> <li>on Environment and Public Works.</li> <li>07/26/23: Committee on Environment and Public</li> <li>Works. Ordered to be reported without amendment</li> <li>favorably.</li> <li>07/26/23: Committee on Environment and Public</li> <li>Works. Reported by Senator Carper without</li> <li>amendment. Without written report.</li> <li>07/26/2023: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar</li> <li>under General Orders. Calendar No. 179.</li> </ul>	1/3/25
<u>US S 2555</u>	A bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to expand and improve the enforcement capabilities of the Attorney General, and for other purposes.	07/27/23: Introduced in Senate 07/27/23: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.	1/3/25
US S 2811	A bill to require the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to withdraw proposed rules relating to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and for other purposes.	09/13/23: Introduced in Senate Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.	1/3/25
US S 2870	amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to allow certain activities to be conducted with respect to sturgeon held in captivity or in a controlled environment in the United States, and for other purposes.	9/19/23: Introduced in Senate Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.	1/3/25

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#### Local Ordinances:

Los Angeles, CA	Ban on certain rodeo events, see Protect the Harvest for more details <u>https://protecttheharvest.com/news/critical</u> <u>-call-to-action-to-save-rodeo-in-los-angeles/</u>	Hearing is 12/7/22 Please submit comments via city website https://cityclerk.lacity.org/publiccomment/?cfnumber =20-1575
		Passed out of committee to full city council for vote <mark>URGENT: Comments needed ASAP</mark> Please use link above to submit comments
Los Angeles, CA	Move Billy, the Asian bull, from the LA Zoo to a sanctuary	Passed out of committee to the full city council
San Diego, CA	Potential rodeo ban	
NYC, NY	A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the keeping, restraint, or possession of <mark>elephant</mark> s	Here is the text of the proposed ordinance
Suffolk Co, NY	Ban on exotic animal performances;	Proposed resolution drafted 11/9/22 Hearing on 12/1/22 <mark>Tabled</mark>
Austin, TX	Ban on public contact with wild animals	Hearing June 12th, USARK has the details https://usark.org/23austin/ Proposed language
		The commission decided to create a working group to work on the ordinance's language so it wouldn't affect businesses that are operating appropriately. Commissioners will revisit this at a later meeting.
		Passed animal advisory group - to full city council for vote
Dallas, TX	Campaign to ban the use of horse drawn carriages in the city	The group, Ban Horse Carriages Dallas, has ramped up activity to get the carriages banned in the city meeting with city council members and holding protests.
San Antonio, TX	Ban on horse drawn carriages	Hearing date has not been announced, please submit opposition <u>Cavalry Group has a letter here</u>

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### **Regulations State and Federal:**

CDC HHS	The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), announces an extension of the current temporary suspension of the importation into the United States of dogs from high-risk rabies-enzootic countries (high-risk countries). This suspension includes dogs that have been in any high-risk countries during the previous six months.	The extension of the temporary suspension of the importation of dogs into the United States from high-risk countries will be implemented on February 1, 2023, when the current suspension expires, and will remain in effect through July 31, 2023. <u>https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2023-01688</u> Extended through July 2024 <u>Summary Rule and Alert</u>	
USDA APHIS	Importation of Dogs from countries with African Swine Flu APHIS-2022-0014	Comment deadline, 11/27/23	
<u>APHIS</u> 2023-23450	Notice of Request for Revision to and Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Importation of Animals and Poultry, Animal and Poultry Products, Certain Animal Embryos, Semen, and Zoological Animals In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's intention to request a revision to and extension of approval of an information collection associated with the importation of animals and poultry, animal and poultry products, certain animal embryos, semen, and zoological animals.	Comment deadline, 12/26/23	
DoT 2023-24885	Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposals, Submissions, and Approvals:, Traveling by Air with Service Animals; Animal Air Transportation Form and Animal Relief Attestation Form <b>Scheduled Publication Date</b> Nov 13, 2023		