

PENDING LEGISLATION

Thursday, December 19th, 2024

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State Legislation:

| Bill No. | Summary | Latest Action | Adjourn |
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| AZ SB 1033 | Animal seizure; bond amount | | Profile |
| MA H 747 | 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 7/14/24: Accompanied a study order, see H4735 | 1/2/25 |
| MA H 801 | 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 5/22/24: Accompanied a study order, see H4668 | 1/2/25 |
| 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 2/7/24: Reporting date extended to Friday April 12, 2024, pending concurrence 3/17/24: House concurred 4/15/24: Reporting date extended to Friday June 14, 2024, pending concurrence 5/29/24: Senate concurred 6/12/24: Accompanied a new draft, see S2820 | 1/2/25 |
| MA H 2022 | An Act relative to further increasing the fines for cruelty to animals, and establishing a fund dedicated to improvements for local animal shelters | 7/28/24: Placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting (under the last sentence of Rule 7A) for a second reading | 1/2/25 |
| MA H 2027 | An Act relative to puppy mills By Representative Ayers of Quincy, a | 2/15/24: Introduced | 1/2/25 |

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| | petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2027) of Bruce J. Ayers relative to commercial breeder dog kennels. Municipalities and Regional Government. | Referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government Senate concurred 9/18/23: Hearing scheduled for 09/26/2023 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in B-1 2/7/24: Reporting date extended to Friday June 14, 2024, pending concurrence 4/15/24: Senate concurred | |
| MA H 2040 | An Act to protect pets By Representative Cusack of Braintree, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2040) of Mark J. Cusack relative to the care and sale of cats, dogs and rabbits. Municipalities and Regional Government. | 2/15/23: Introduced Referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government Senate concurred 9/18/23: Hearing scheduled for 09/26/2023 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in B-1 2/7/24: Reporting date extended to Friday June 14, 2024, pending concurrence 4/15/24: Senate concurred | 1/2/25 |
| MA H 4997 | Order authorizing the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to puppy mills and local aid. | 8/25/24: Reported from the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government Accompanied by H2027 and H2115 Order reported favorably by committee and referred to the committee on Joint Rules Discharged to the committee on House Rules | 1/2/25 |
| MA S 190 | 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 1/17/24: Read second New draft substituted, see S2552 | 1/2/25 |
| MA S 491 | 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 | 1/2/25 |
| 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 House concurred 10/26/23: Hearing scheduled for 11/08/2023 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in A-2 3/17/24: Reporting date extended to Friday April 12, 2024, pending concurrence 4/7/24: House concurred 5/29/24: Reporting date extended to Friday, June 14, 2024, pending concurrence | 1/2/25 |

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| | | 6/5/24: House concurred 6/12/24: Accompanied a new draft, see S2820 | |
| MA S 550 | An Act banning the retail sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits in pet shops | 2/15/23: Referred to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources House concurred 10/26/23: Hearing scheduled for 11/08/2023 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in A-2 3/17/24: Reporting date extended to Friday April 12, 2024, pending concurrence 4/7/24: House concurred 5/29/24: Reporting date extended to Friday, June 14, 2024, pending concurrence 6/5/24: House concurred 6/12/24: Accompanied a new draft, see S2820 | 1/2/25 |
| MA S 2552 | An Act prohibiting inhumane feline declawing The committee on Senate Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Senate Bill prohibiting inhumane feline declawing (Senate, No. 190),- reports, recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2552). | | 1/2/25 |
| MA S 2757 | An Act relative to the humane protection of animals legislation relative to the humane protection of animals and establishing a task force to complete a systematic review of the laws pertaining to animal cruelty and protection | 5/1/24: Reported from the committee on The Judiciary New draft of S1142 and H1718 Bill reported favorably by committee and referred to the committee on Senate Rules | 1/2/25 |
| MA S 2820 | legislation to further regulate the retail sale of certain domestic animals in new pet shops | 6/13/24: Reported from the committee on Environment and Natural Resources New draft of S549, S550 and H826 Bill reported favorably by committee and referred to the committee on Senate Ways and Means | 1/2/25 |
| MA S 2908 | An Act providing for the humane protection of animals | 7/28/24: Introduced Reported from the committee on Senate Rules Recommended new draft for S2757 Substituted for S2757 Ordered to a third reading Read third and passed to be engrossed 7/29/24: Read; and referred to the committee on House Steering, Policy and Scheduling | 1/2/25 |
| MI HB 6015 | Animals: care and treatment; definition of shelter for animals; modify. Amends sec. 50 of 1931 PA 328 (MCL 750.50). | 9/25/24: introduced by Representative Penelope Tsernoglou read a first time referred to Committee on Criminal Justice 10/14/24: bill electronically reproduced 10/15/2024 12/2/24: referred to Committee on Local Government and Municipal Finance | 12/31/24 |

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| | | 12/10/24: reported with recommendation with substitute (H-1) referred to second reading | |
| MI HB 6198 | Animals: pet shops; inspection and licensure of certain pet facilities; require | 11/25/24: introduced by Representative Phil Skaggs read a first time referred to Committee on Regulatory Reform 12/3/24: bill electronically reproduced | |
| MI HB 6199 | Animals: animal shelters; cross-references to 1969 PA 287 in dog law of 1919; update | 11/25/24: introduced by Representative Phil Skaggs read a first time referred to Committee on Regulatory Reform 12/3/24: bill electronically reproduced | |
| MI SB 657 | Animals: care and treatment; restitution for care and treatment of certain forfeited animals; impose penalties upon owner. Amends sec. 50 of 1931 PA 328 (MCL 750.50). | 11/08/23: INTRODUCED BY SENATOR DAYNA POLEHANKI REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CIVIL RIGHTS, JUDICIARY, AND PUBLIC SAFETY 3/4/24: REPORTED FAVORABLY WITHOUT AMENDMENT REFERRED TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 6/11/24: REPORTED BY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FAVORABLY WITH SUBSTITUTE (S-1) SUBSTITUTE (S-1) CONCURRED IN PLACED ON ORDER OF THIRD READING WITH SUBSTITUTE (S-1) 6/17/24: Passed Senate AMENDMENT(S) DEFEATED PASSED ROLL CALL # 246 YEAS 27 NAYS 10 EXCUSED 0 NOT VOTING 1 received on 06/18/2024 read a first time referred to Committee on Agriculture 6/19/24: per Rule 41 referred to Committee on Criminal Justice 12/2/24: referred to second reading reported with recommendation with substitute (H-1) | 12/31/24 |
| MI SB 658 | Crimes: animals; restitution for care and treatment of certain forfeited animals; impose penalty on ownership of animal to person convicted of certain crimes against animal. Amends sec. 50b of 1931 PA 328 (MCL 750.50b). | 11/08/23: INTRODUCED BY SENATOR PAUL WOJNO REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CIVIL RIGHTS, JUDICIARY, AND PUBLIC SAFETY 3/4/24: REPORTED FAVORABLY WITHOUT AMENDMENT REFERRED TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 6/11/24: REPORTED BY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FAVORABLY WITH SUBSTITUTE (S-1) SUBSTITUTE (S-1) CONCURRED IN PLACED ON ORDER OF THIRD READING WITH SUBSTITUTE (S-1) 6/17/24: Passed Senate PASSED ROLL CALL # 247 YEAS 27 NAYS 11 EXCUSED 0 NOT VOTING 0 received on 06/18/2024 read a first time referred to Committee on Agriculture 6/19/24: per Rule 41 referred to Committee on Criminal Justice 12/2/24: referred to second reading | 12/31/24 |

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| | | reported with recommendation with substitute (H-1) | |
| MI SB 683 | Animals: dangerous; potentially dangerous dogs and dangerous dogs in dangerous animals act; provide for. | 1/10/24: INTRODUCED BY SENATOR SEAN MCCANN REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND AGRICULTURE | 12/31/24 |
| MI SB 1019 | Animals: care and treatment; conducting of research or training activities on dogs in a manner that causes pain or distress; prohibit. | 9/26/24: INTRODUCED BY SENATOR PAUL WOJNO REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON REGULATORY AFFAIRS | 12/31/24 |
| MO HB 185 | DOMESTIC PET CARE Establishes the "Healthy Pets Act" | | Profile |
| MO HB 586 | Establishes micro shelters for animals and outlines minimum requirements for those shelters to operate | | Profile |
| NH LSR 2025-0495 | Requiring that two or more law enforcement officers in each county receive training regarding animal | | |
| NJ A 129 | Establishes procedures for seizure, care, and forfeiture of animals involved in animal cruelty violations. | | 1/13/26 |
| NJ A 365 | Prohibits cropping or altering the tail or ears of dog; establishes as animal cruelty offense. | | 1/13/26 |
| NJ A 1422 | "Chiara's Law"; prohibits euthanizing animals in shelters or pounds except for health or safety reasons. | | 1/13/26 |
| NJ A 1780 | Requires registry of animal rescue organizations; requires animal rescue, pet shop, shelter, or pound notify person adopting or purchasing animal of animal's behavioral and medical history; designated as "Rocky's Law." | | 1/13/26 |
| NJ A 3921 | Authorizes veterinarians to transfer ownership of animals rather than euthanizing them, under certain circumstances. | 3/3/24: Introduced, Referred to Assembly Commerce, Economic Development and Agriculture Committee | 1/13/26 |
| NJ S 67 | Requires licensure of dog trainers. | 01/08/24: Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Commerce Committee | 1/13/26 |
| NJ S 261 | Provides for spaying and neutering stray or feral cats and establishes fund therefor; designated as "Compassion for Community Cats Law." | 01/08/24: Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Environment and Energy Committee | 1/13/26 |

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| NJ S 297 | 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." | 01/08/24: Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Economic Growth Committee | 1/13/26 |
| NJ S 706 | Authorizes veterinarians to transfer ownership of animals rather than euthanizing them, under certain circumstances. | 01/05/24: Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Economic Growth Committee | 1/13/26 |
| NJ S 1406 | Prohibits surgical declawing of cats and other animals. | 01/08/24: Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Environment and Energy Committee | 1/13/26 |
| NJ S 1657 | Criminalizes impounding cat or dog in shelter, pound, or kennel without consent of other party. | 01/08/24: Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Environment and Energy Committee | 1/13/26 |
| NJ S 2045 | Requires certain animals used in testing to be offered for adoption; requires establishment of procedures for assessment and disposition of animals; establishes penalties for noncompliance. | 01/08/24: Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Economic Growth Committee | 1/13/26 |
| NJ S 2511 | Prohibits sale of cats, dogs, or rabbits by pet shops; repeals "Pet Purchase Protection Act." | 2/4/24: Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Economic Growth Committee | 1/13/26 |
| NJ S 2784 | "Chiara's Law"; prohibits euthanizing animals in shelters or pounds except for health or safety reasons. | 2/14/24: Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Economic Growth Committee | 1/13/26 |
| NY A 400 | Relates to the sale of birds by pet dealers when such birds have not yet been fully weaned. Memorandum | 1/8/23: REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE 1/2/24: REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE | 1/2/25 |
| NY A 506 | Relates to prohibitions on circus performances; prohibits circuses from conducting shows or other performances in the state for two years where a circus has been found to be in violation or in non-compliance with the Animal Welfare Act of 1966. Memorandum | 1/8/23: REFERRED TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 1/2/24: REFERRED TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT | 1/2/25 |
| NY A 575 | Prohibits certain acts in rodeos; imposes penalties for the violation of such acts. Memorandum | 1/8/23: REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE 1/2/24: REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE | 1/2/25 |
| NY A 760 | Limits the animal dealers that are exempt under the provisions of article 7 of the agriculture and markets law relating to the | 1/10/23: REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE 1/2/24: REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE | 1/2/25 |

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| | licensing, identification and control of dogs; applies provisions to dealers licensed as a class A dealer under the Federal Animal Welfare Act that sells dogs exclusively to USDA registered research facilities. | | |
| NY A 768 | Includes wildlife animals as those subject to the animal cruelty provisions of the agriculture and markets law. | 1/10/23: REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE 5/17/23: AMEND AND RECOMMIT TO AGRICULTURE PRINT NUMBER 768A 5/22/23: REPORTED REFERRED TO CODES 1/2/24: REFERRED TO CODES | 1/2/25 |
| NY A 790 | Relates to prohibitions on fur products; prohibits the manufacture, sale, display for sale, trade, giving, donating, or otherwise distributing of a fur product by any means in the state beginning twenty-four months after this act becomes a law. Memorandum | 1/10/23: REFERRED TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 1/2/24: REFERRED TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT | 1/2/25 |
| NY A 2001 | Relates to the registration and regulation of animal breeders; requires each to be licensed; creates a breeder licensing fund; exempts not-for-profit organizations. | 1/22/23: REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE 1/2/24: REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE | 1/2/25 |
| NY A 3545 | Prohibits the administration of psychoactive drugs to an animal in a zoo in order to allow another animal to procreate with such animal. Memorandum | 2/2/23: REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION 1/2/24: REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION | 1/2/25 |
| NY A 3669 | Relates to licensed pet breeders and brokers; requires a pet dealer to only purchase a dog or cat for resale from a breeder or broker licensed by the United States department of agriculture or exempt from United States department of agriculture licensing per United States department of agriculture regulation, and such breeder or broker shall be in possession of all other licenses required for a breeder or broker by the state in which such breeder or broker is located. Memorandum | 2/2/23: REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE 1/2/24: REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE | 1/2/25 |
| NY A 3714 | Prohibits ear clipping and tail docking of dogs unless deemed medically necessary to protect the life or health of the dog. Memorandum | 2/6/23: REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE 1/2/24: REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE | 1/2/25 |

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| NY A 3810 | Prohibits the taking of zoo, petting zoo, carnival or circus animals; provides that violations shall be punishable by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars nor more than two thousand dollars. Memorandum | 2/7/23: REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION 1/2/24: REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION | 1/2/25 |
| NY A 4005 | Prohibits the participation of certain animals in traveling animal acts; prohibits the department of environmental conservation from issuing permits or licenses allowing participation of certain animals in traveling animal acts; excludes certain permanent performing institutions; imposes a civil penalty not to exceed \$1000 for a violation. Memorandum | 2/7/23: REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION 5/7/23: AMEND (T) AND RECOMMIT TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION PRINT NUMBER 4005A 5/22/23: REPORTED REFERRED TO CODES 1/2/24: REFERRED TO CODES 5/27/24: REPORTED REFERRED TO RULES | 1/2/25 |
| NY A 4058 | Prohibits contracts for the purchase or financing of a dog, cat, or rabbit from including provisions allowing repossession of the animal; provides that such provisions apply to the sale of dogs, cats and rabbits through an online website. Memorandum | 2/8/23: REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE 5/16/23: AMEND (T) AND RECOMMIT TO AGRICULTURE PRINT NUMBER 4058 5/22/23: REPORTED REFERRED TO CODES 1/2/24: REFERRED TO CODES 4/8/24: REPORTED 4/11/24: ADVANCED TO THIRD READING CAL.404 5/20/24: AMENDED ON THIRD READING 4058B | 1/2/25 |
| NY A 5778 | Excludes dogs, cats and any other domesticated animals from the definition of "wildlife". Memorandum | 3/22/23: REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION 1/2/24: REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION | 1/2/25 |
| NY A 5854 | Relates to dog tethering and restraint restrictions and outdoor shelter requirements for dogs that are left outdoors. Memorandum | 3/22/23: REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE 4/12/23: AMEND AND RECOMMIT TO AGRICULTURE PRINT NUMBER 5854A 1/2/24: REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE | 1/2/25 |
| NY A 6357 | Requires animal shelters to annually report on intake and disposition of animals and the number of animals turned away by such shelters; requires shelters to submit such reports to the department of agriculture and markets; requires such department to post the reports on their website. Memorandum | 4/4/23: REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE 1/2/24: REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE | 1/2/25 |
| NY A 6836 | Provides that "wild animal" means indigenous, non-domesticated animals native to the country in which they live and "exotic animal" means a wild animal with an | 5/7/23: REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION 5/18/23: AMEND AND RECOMMIT TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION | 1/2/25 |

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| | <p>origin of a different continent; adds certain wild or exotic animals to the list of non-companion animals.</p> <p>Memorandum</p> | <p>PRINT NUMBER 6836A 1/2/24: REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION 4/18/24: AMEND AND RECOMMIT TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION PRINT NUMBER 6836B</p> | |
| <p>NY A 6863</p> | <p>Relates to the sale of dogs, cats and rabbits by pet dealers in the state and those that sell such animals through an online platform.</p> <p>Memorandum</p> | <p>5/7/23: REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE 1/2/24: REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE</p> | <p>1/2/25</p> |
| <p>NY A 7624</p> | <p>Prohibits the use of primates in entertainment acts; prohibits the department of environmental conservation for issuing any license or permit that would authorize the use of a primate in an entertainment act.</p> <p>Memorandum</p> | <p>5/24/23: REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE 1/2/24: REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE</p> | <p>1/2/25</p> |
| <p>NY A 7684</p> | <p>Prohibits the operation of horse drawn cabs in the city of New York; defines the circumstances under which sale or disposal of a horse shall be deemed humane.</p> <p>Memorandum</p> | <p>6/4/23: REFERRED TO CITIES 1/2/24: REFERRED TO CITIES</p> | <p>1/2/25</p> |
| <p>NY A 7841</p> | <p>Prohibits the confinement of farm animals in a cruel manner; provides that anyone who violates such cruel confinement prohibitions shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.</p> | | <p>1/2/25</p> |
| <p>NY A 10645</p> | <p>Prohibits certain wildlife and fish from being imported into the state in order to protect public health and safety, native wildlife and fish, and the agricultural interests of the state; relates to the operation of live animal markets.</p> | <p>7/22/24: REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION</p> | <p>1/2/25</p> |
| <p>NY S 142</p> | <p>Restricts the performance of surgical devocalization procedures on dogs and cats.</p> <p>Sponsor's Memorandum (Senate)</p> | <p>1/3/23: REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE 4/24/23: 1ST REPORT CAL.673 4/25/23: 2ND REPORT CAL. 4/30/23: ADVANCED TO THIRD READING 5/9/23: PASSED SENATE DELIVERED TO ASSEMBLY REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE 1/2/24: DIED IN ASSEMBLY RETURNED TO SENATE REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE 3/25/24: 1ST REPORT CAL.744</p> | <p>1/2/25</p> |

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| | | <p>3/26/24: 2ND REPORT CAL. 3/27/24: ADVANCED TO THIRD READING 4/8/24: PASSED SENATE DELIVERED TO ASSEMBLY REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE</p> | |
| NY S 460 | <p>Includes wildlife animals as those subject to the animal cruelty provisions of the agriculture and markets law. Memorandum</p> | <p>1/3/23: REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE 5/21/23: AMEND AND RECOMMIT TO AGRICULTURE PRINT NUMBER 460A 1/2/24: REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE</p> | 1/2/25 |
| NY S 1249 | <p>Increases the penalties for owners of dangerous dogs and subjects certain dangerous dog owners to further investigation. Memorandum</p> | <p>1/10/23: REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE 1/2/24: REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE</p> | 1/2/25 |
| NY S 1565 | <p>Requires pet dealers and pet shops to provide certain breeder and health information to purchasers of animals. Memorandum</p> | <p>1/11/23: REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE 1/2/24: REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE</p> | 1/2/25 |
| NY S 1659 | <p>Relates to the creation of a court appointed advocate for animals. Memorandum</p> | <p>1/12/23: REFERRED TO JUDICIARY 1/2/24: REFERRED TO JUDICIARY</p> | 1/2/25 |
| NY S 1949 | <p>Relates to prohibiting the sale, trade or bartering or possession with intent to sell, trade or barter of certain wild animals or wild animal products and to the penalties imposed therefor. Memorandum</p> | <p>1/16/23: REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION 1/2/24: REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION</p> | 1/2/25 |
| NY S 3279 | <p>Relates to prohibitions on fur products; prohibits the manufacture, sale, display for sale, trade, giving, donating, or otherwise distributing of a fur product by any means in the state beginning twenty-four months after this act becomes a law.</p> | <p>1/29/23: REFERRED TO CONSUMER PROTECTION 1/2/24: REFERRED TO CONSUMER PROTECTION</p> | 1/2/25 |
| NY S 4108 | <p>Relates to the registration and regulation of animal breeders; requires each to be licensed; creates a breeder licensing fund; exempts not-for-profit organizations. Memorandum</p> | <p>2/2/23: REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE 1/2/24: REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE</p> | 1/2/25 |
| NY S 4363 | <p>Prohibits the issuance of permits authorizing the use of wild animals in circuses or traveling animal acts; excepts a wildlife sanctuary and a facility accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.</p> | <p>2/6/23: REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION 1/2/24: REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION</p> | 1/2/25 |

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| | Memorandum | 2/20/24: AMEND (T) AND RECOMMIT TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION PRINT NUMBER 4363A 4/15/24: 1ST REPORT CAL.815 4/16/24: 2ND REPORT CAL. 4/17/24: ADVANCED TO THIRD READING 6/4/24: PASSED SENATE DELIVERED TO ASSEMBLY REFERRED TO CODES | |
| NY S 5674 | Prohibits ear clipping and tail docking of dogs unless deemed medically necessary to protect the life or health of the dog. Memorandum | 3/12/23: REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE 1/2/24: REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE | 1/2/25 |
| NY S 5898 | Prohibits the administration of psychoactive drugs to an animal in a zoo in order to allow another animal to procreate with such animal. Memorandum | 3/21/23: REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION 1/2/24: REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION | 1/2/25 |
| NY S 6211 | Provides that "wild animal" means indigenous, non-domesticated animals native to the country in which they live and "exotic animal" means a wild animal with an origin of a different continent; adds certain wild or exotic animals to the list of non-companion animals. | 4/16/23: 1ST REPORT CAL.614 4/17/23: 2ND REPORT CAL. 4/18/23: ADVANCED TO THIRD READING 5/7/23: AMENDED ON THIRD READING 6211B 5/15/23: PASSED SENATE DELIVERED TO ASSEMBLY REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION 1/2/24: DIED IN ASSEMBLY RETURNED TO SENATE REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION 2/26/24: 1ST REPORT CAL.540 2/27/24: AMENDED 6211C 2ND REPORT CAL. 3/3/24: ADVANCED TO THIRD READING 4/8/24: PASSED SENATE DELIVERED TO ASSEMBLY REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION | 1/2/25 |
| NY S 6905 | Prohibits the use of primates in entertainment acts; prohibits the department of environmental conservation for issuing any license or permit that would authorize the use of a primate in an entertainment act. Memorandum | 5/14/23: REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE 1/2/24: REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE | 1/2/25 |
| NY S 9081 | Relates to microchipping of certain animals possessed by animal protective associations and rescue organizations | 4/15/24: REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE 5/21/24: 1ST REPORT CAL.1458 5/22/24: AMENDED 9081A | 1/2/25 |

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| OH HB 647 | Require transfer of funds from county's dog and kennel fund To amend sections 955.20 and 955.221 of the Revised Code to require a county auditor to transfer certain funds from the county's dog and kennel fund to municipal corporations within the county that employ dog wardens. | | |
| TX HB 285 | Relating to the prosecution of the offense of cruelty to nonlivestock animals. | 11/11/24: Prefiled | |
| TX HB 471 | Relating to the intake and disposition records of animal shelters and releasing agencies. | 11/11/24: Prefiled | |
| TX HB 562 | Relating to the regulation of licensed dog and cat breeders. | 11/11/24: Prefiled | |
| TX HB 662 | Relating to the adoption of cats and dogs previously used for research. | 11/11/24: Prefiled | |
| VA HB 206 | Pet shops; notice of deceased animals; report. Requires pet shops to annually submit a summary of records indicating any time a dog or cat in their possession dies or is euthanized to the State Veterinarian in a format prescribed by him. | 1/3/24: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/10/24 24101924D Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources 1/14/24: Assigned ACNR sub: Agriculture Impact statement from DPB (HB206) 1/23/24: Subcommittee recommends continuing to 2025 (Voice Vote) 1/30/24: Continued to 2025 in Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources (Voice Vote) 1/17/24: Left in Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources | |

Federal Legislation:

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| US HR 208 | 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 |
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| US HR 1184 | 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. 03/22/23: Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry. | 1/3/25 |
| US HR 1465 | Violet's Law | 03/08/23: Introduced in House 03/08/23: Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture. 04/04/23: Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry. | 1/3/25 |
| US HR 1480 | 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. 05/11/23: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote. | 1/3/25 |
| US HR 1558 | 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 |
| US HR 2742 | 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, and Poultry. | 1/3/25 |
| US HR 2878 | 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 |
| US HR 2939 | 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 |
| US HR 3783 | 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, | 1/3/25 |

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| | | <p>in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.</p> <p>07/10/2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry.</p> | |
| <p>US HR 3859</p> | <p>Animal Welfare Enforcement Improvement Act</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 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.</p> <p>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.</p> | <p>06/06/23: Introduced in House</p> <p>06/06/23: Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.</p> <p>07/28/23: Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry.</p> | <p>1/3/25</p> |
| <p>US HR 3894</p> | <p>To amend the Animal Welfare Act to prohibit commercial greyhound racing, live lure training, and open field coursing, and for other purposes.</p> | <p>6/6/23: Introduced in House</p> <p>Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.</p> <p>7/27/23: Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry.</p> | <p>1/3/25</p> |
| <p>US HR 4922</p> | <p>Lacey Act Amendments</p> <p>To amend title 18, United States Code, to enhance protections against the importation, and transport between States, of injurious species, and for other purposes</p> | <p>Link to USARK info</p> <p>07/25/23: Introduced in House</p> <p>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.</p> | <p>1/3/25</p> |

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| US HR 5041 | 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 |
| US HR 5504 | 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 Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries 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 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. | 10/05/23: Introduced in House 10/24/23: Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture. | 1/3/25 |
| US HR 7145 | To amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 and the Animal Welfare Act to prohibit the taking, importation, exportation, and breeding of certain cetaceans for public display, and for other purposes. | 1/29/24: Introduced in House Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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 |
| US HR 7396 | To direct the Attorney General to conduct a study on animal cruelty, and for other purposes. | 2/14/24: Introduced in House Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. | 1/3/25 |
| US HR 7999 | To direct the Secretary of the Interior to encourage and incentivize rescue, rehabilitation, and appropriate reintroduction of threatened and endangered animals by establishing a Wildlife Confiscations Network, and for other purposes. | 4/14/24: Introduced in House Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources. | 1/3/25 |
| US HR 8119 | To establish in U.S. Customs and Border Protection a pilot program to adopt dogs from local animal shelters to be trained as therapy dogs, and for other purposes. | 4/22/24: Introduced in House Referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security. | 1/3/25 |
| US HR 8164 | To amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit certain activities involving prohibited primate species, and for other purposes. | | 1/3/25 |

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| US HR 8447 | American Agricultural Security Act of 2024 | 5/16/24: Introduced in House Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture. 5/2/24: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology. | 1/3/25 |
| US HR 8492 | Prohibit Wildlife Killing Contests Act of 2024 | 5/21/24: Introduced in House Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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. 9/2/24: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology. Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry. | 1/3/25 |
| US HR 8699 | To amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to develop an enforcement mechanism with respect to certain provisions relating to the transport of animals, and for other purposes. | 6/10/24: Introduced in House Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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 |
| US HR 8923 | To establish an Animal Cruelty Crimes Section within the Department of Justice's Environment and Natural Resources Division, and for other purposes. | 7/1/24: Introduced in House Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. | 1/3/25 |
| US HR 9283 | | 8/1/24: Introduced in House Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources. | 1/3/25 |
| US HR 9508 | PAW Act of 2024 To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow certain veterinary expenses for pets and service animals to be treated as amounts paid for medical care for purposes of a health savings account or flexible savings account. | 9/8/24: Introduced in House Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. | 1/3/25 |
| US HR 9533 | ESA Amendments Act of 2024 AMENDMENT | 9/9/24: Introduced in House Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources. 9/18/24: Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute by the Yeas and Nays: 22 - 13. 12/15/24: Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 118-879. Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 717. | 1/3/25 |

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| US HR 9571 | To amend the Animal Welfare Act to include cold-blooded species as animals, and for other purposes. | 9/11/24: Introduced in House Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture. | 1/3/25 |
| US HR 10048 | HELP PETS Act To prohibit the availability of Federal funds to institutions of higher education that conduct painful biomedical research on dogs and cats | 10/25/24: Introduced in House Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce. | 1/3/25 |
| US HR 10049 | CHER Act of 2024 To amend the African Elephant Conservation Act and Asian Elephant Conservation Act to ban keeping elephants in captivity at zoological parks. | 10/25/24: Introduced in House Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources. | 1/3/25 |
| US HR 10219 | Critically Endangered Animals Conservation Act of 2024 | 11/20/24: Introduced in House Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources. | 1/3/25 |
| US S 502 | 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 |
| US S 771 | 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 |
| US S 1529 | 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 |
| US S 1614 | Lacey Act Amendments of 2023 | Link to USARK info 05/15/23: Introduced in Senate Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. | 1/3/25 |
| US S 2395 | WILD Act | 07/19/23: Introduced in Senate 07/19/23: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. 07/26/23: Committee on Environment and Public Works. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably. 07/26/23: Committee on Environment and Public Works. Reported by Senator Carper without amendment. Without written report. 07/26/2023: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 179. 12/10/23: By Senator Carper from Committee on Environment and Public Works filed written report. Report No. 118-128. | 1/3/25 |

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| US S 2555 | 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 |
| US S 3694 | A bill to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 and the Animal Welfare Act to prohibit the taking, importation, exportation, and breeding of certain cetaceans for public display, and for other purposes. | 1/29/24: Introduced in Senate Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. | 1/3/25 |
| US S 3963 | A bill to clarify that noncommercial species found entirely within the borders of a single State are not in interstate commerce or subject to regulation under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 or any other provision of law enacted as an exercise of the power of Congress to regulate interstate commerce. | 3/13/24: Introduced in Senate Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. | 1/3/25 |
| US S 5072 | A bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to establish additional requirements for dealers, and for other purposes. | 9/17/24: Introduced in Senate Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (text: CR S6099-6100) | 1/3/25 |

Local Ordinances:

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| Los Angeles, CA | Ban on certain rodeo events, see Protect the Harvest for more details https://protecttheharvest.com/news/critical-call-to-action-to-save-rodeo-in-los-angeles/ | Hearing is 12/5/23 Please submit comments via city website https://cityclerk.lacity.org/publiccomment/?cfnumber=20-1575 Passed out of committee to full city council vote URGENT: Comments needed ASAP Please use link above to submit comments | |
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| | | <p>12/05/23: Council adopted Personnel, Audits and Animal Welfare Committee report dated December 7, 2022 as Amended by Motion 15A (Blumenfield - Rodriguez - Harris-Dawson), subject to reconsideration, pursuant to Council Rule 51. City Attorney report No. 21-0377 and Ordinance dated December 17, 2021 received and file and new Ordinance requested.</p> <p>Amending Motion 15A (Blumenfield - Rodriguez - Harris-Dawson)</p> <p>Report from Personnel, Audits, and Animal Welfare Committee</p> | |
| 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 | The rodeo company and the Padres are being sued by animal rights groups to keep the rodeo from happening at Petco Park in January 2025. | |
| Detroit, MI | Proposal to ban the retail sale of pets - Cats and Dogs | <p>9/16/2024 Detroit City Council — Public Health and Safety Standing Committee: Councilmembers considered the pet store ordinance, which would prohibit the sale of cats and dogs at pet stores in Detroit. People could still bring home pets from shelters, rescues and responsible breeders. The committee referred the ordinance to the Law Department and will discuss it again in two weeks.</p> <p>HEARING 11/12</p> | |
| 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 elephants | Here is the text of the proposed ordinance | |
| Austin, TX | Ban on public contact with wild animals | <p>Hearing June 12th, USARK has the details https://usark.org/23austin/</p> <p>Proposed language</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Passed animal advisory group - to full city council for vote</p> | |

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| San Antonio, TX | Ban on horse drawn carriages | <p>Hearing date has not been announced, please submit opposition Cavalry Group has a letter here</p> <p>Hearing held 4/17, moved out of committee to full city council</p> <p>PASSED - horse carriages to be phased out over the next 3 years</p> | |

Regulations State and Federal:

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| IN St. Bd. Animal Hlth | <p>Notice of Public Hearing LSA Document #24-377</p> <p>The proposed rule will create a new article under title 345 to establish a civil penalty schedule for violations of IC 15-17 (ANIMAL HEALTH AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS) and IC 15-21 (COMMERCIAL DOG BREEDER REGULATION), and rules adopted under these statutes. The rule includes assessment factors BOAH considers when determining the amount of penalty that will be assessed within the ranges established in the schedule. The proposed rule also specifies the violations considered major violations for purposes of the state opportunity to correct law under IC 4-21.5-2.5.</p> | <p>Publication date: 10/23/24 Hearing Date: Jan 07, 2025 · 9:30am</p> | |
| USDA APHIS | <p>Horse Protection Amendments APHIS-2022-0004-8793</p> | <p>Publication Date: May 08, 2024 Effective Date: February 01, 2025</p> | |
| Dol FWS | <p>Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants: Listing the Giraffe</p> <p>We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce our 12-month finding on a petition to list the giraffe (including its subspecies) as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act or ESA). After a review of the best available scientific and commercial information, we find that the following listing actions are warranted: We propose to list all three subspecies of the northern giraffe (<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>)--the West African giraffe (<i>Giraffa camelopardalis peralta</i>), the Kordofan giraffe (<i>Giraffa camelopardalis antiquorum</i>), and the Nubian giraffe (<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i></p> | <p>Publication Date: 11/21/24 Comment Deadline: 2/19/25</p> | |

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| | <p>camelopardalis)--as endangered species under Act. We also propose to list the reticulated giraffe (<i>Giraffa reticulata</i>) and the Masai giraffe (<i>Giraffa tippelskirchi</i>), both from east Africa, as threatened species with protective regulations issued under section 4(d) of the Act ("4(d) rule"). After a thorough review of the best scientific and commercial data available, we find that, based on the Act's section 4(a)(1) factors, it is not warranted at this time to list either subspecies of the southern giraffe (<i>Giraffa giraffa</i>)--the Angolan giraffe (<i>Giraffa giraffa angolensis</i>) and the South African giraffe (<i>Giraffa giraffa giraffa</i>)--but we are proposing, under the authority of section 4(e) of the Act, to treat both of these subspecies as threatened species based on their similarity of appearance to the West African giraffe, Kordofan giraffe, Nubian giraffe, reticulated giraffe, and Masai giraffe. If we finalize this rule as proposed, it would add all giraffes to the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife, under the authority of either section 4(a)(1) or 4(e) of the Act, and extend the Act's protections to these taxa.</p> | | |