

PENDING LEGISLATION

Monday, January 4th, 2021

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State Legislation:

Bill No.	Summary	Latest Action	Adjourn
Florida convenes 3/2/21			
FL HB 45	Retail Sale of Domestic Dogs and Cats: Prohibits pet stores from selling or offering for sale domestic dogs & cats; provides penalties.	12/08/20: House, Filed	(prefile) 4/30/21
Maryland convenes 1/31/21			
MD HB 81	Crimes - Unattended Dogs in Extreme Weather Conditions	07/28/20: House, Pre-filed 01/13/21: House, First Reading Environment and Transportation 12/22/21: House, Hearing 1/15 at 11:00 a.m. 12/22/21: House, Text - First - Crimes - Unattended Dogs in Extreme Weather Conditions 01/15/2021 11:00 AM [House] Environment And Transportation Zoom / YouTube	(prefile) 4/12/21
MD HB 154	Civil Actions - Tortious Injury to or Death of Pet - Compensatory Damages (Buddy's Law)	10/23/2020, House, Pre-filed 01/13/2021, House, First Reading Judiciary 01/15/2021 1:30 PM [House] Judiciary Zoom / YouTube	(prefile) 4/12/21
MD HB 281	Criminal Law - Humane Society and Animal Control Officers - Education and Training Requirements	10/05/20: House, Pre-filed 01/13/21: House, First Reading Environment and Transportation 12/22/21: House, Hearing 1/29 at 1:30 p.m. 01/29/2021 1:30 PM [House] Environment And Transportation Zoom / YouTube	(prefile) 4/12/21
MD HB 381	Animal Shelters - Standards of Operation	07/06/20: House, Pre-filed 01/13/21: House, First Reading Environment and Transportation 12/22/21: House, Hearing 1/29 at 1:30 p.m. 01/29/2021 1:30 PM [House] Environment And Transportation Zoom / YouTube	(prefile) 4/12/21
MD SB 103	Business Regulation - Retail Pet Stores - Modifications (No More Puppy- and Kitten-Mills Act of 2021)	10/29/20: Senate, Pre-filed 01/13/21: Senate, First Reading Finance 12/23/21: Senate, Hearing 1/21 at 1:00 p.m. 12/23/21: Senate, Text - First - Business Regulation - Retail Pet Stores - Modifications (No More Puppy- and Kitten-Mills Act of 2021)	(prefile) 4/12/21

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MD SB 282	Public Health - Prohibition on Testing Cosmetics on Animals	07/06/20: Senate, Pre-filed 01/13/21: Senate, First Reading Finance 12/23/21: Senate, Hearing 1/19 at 1:00 p.m. 12/23/21: Senate, Text - First - Public Health - Prohibition on Testing Cosmetics on Animals	(prefile) 4/12/21
MA HB 3772	An Act relative to protecting animals from abusers	05/13/19: House, Referred to the committee on The Judiciary 05/13/19: Senate, Senate concurred 09/17/19: Hearing scheduled for 09/24/2019 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in A-1 03/12/20: Senate, Accompanied a new draft, see S2494	1/5/21
MA HB 3828	An Act relative to the sale of dogs and cats in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts	05/30/19: House, Referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure 05/30/19: Senate, Senate concurred 07/12/19: Hearing scheduled for 07/22/2019 from 01:00 PM-04:00 PM in A-2 03/12/20: Senate, Accompanied a new draft, see S2592	1/5/21
MA SB 2463	An Act protecting research animals	01/16/20: Senate, Reported from the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture 01/16/20: Senate, New draft of S534, H758 and H764 01/16/20: Senate, Referred to the committee on Senate Ways and Means	1/5/21
MA SB 2592	An Act reforming the sale of cats, dogs, and rabbits in the Commonwealth	03/12/20: Senate, Reported from the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure 03/12/20: Senate, New draft of S175, H800 and H3828 03/12/20: Senate, Bill reported favorably by committee and referred to the committee on Senate Ways and Means	1/5/21
Missouri convenes 1/6/21			
MO HB 589	Modifies provisions relating to the confiscation of animals	12/28/20: H, Prefiled	(prefile) 5/28/21
MO SB 107	Prohibits villages, towns, and cities from regulating dogs in a breed-specific manner Under this act, a village, town, city, or county may prohibit dogs from running at large or further control or regulate dogs within its boundaries so long as the ordinance, order, policy, or regulation is not breed specific.	12/01/20: Prefiled	(prefile) 5/28/21
MO SB 159	Modifies provisions relating to working animals Under this act, no law, ordinance, or rule	12/01/20: Prefiled	(prefile) 5/28/21

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	shall be enacted by any political subdivision of the state that terminates, bans, or effectively bans, by creating undue financial hardship, the job or use of working animals or an enterprise employing working animals.		
MO SB 201	Under this act, such warrant is to confiscate, rather than impound animals. All warrants shall be served in the presence of a law enforcement official.	12/01/20: Prefiled	(prefile) 5/28/21
New York convenes 1/6/21			
NY AB 142	Relates to prohibiting animal hatching projects in schools: Relates to prohibiting school districts, school principals, administrators, or teachers from requiring, permitting, or conducting a lesson or experimental study using an animal in a hatching project.	01/06/21: Assembly, REFERRED TO EDUCATION	(prefile) 6/10/21
NY AB 162	Creates a task force on animal laws: Creates a task force on animal laws and requires reporting to the governor and legislature of recommendations on how to increase statewide uniformity of such.	01/06/21: Assembly, REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE	(prefile) 6/10/21
NY AB 173	Relates to codifying animal cruelty laws under the penal law; repealer: Relates to codifying animal cruelty laws under the penal law; makes conforming technical changes.	01/06/21: Assembly, REFERRED TO CODES	(prefile) 6/10/21
NY AB 342	Prohibits the operation of horse drawn cabs in the city of New York; repealer: 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.	01/06/21: Assembly, REFERRED TO CITIES	(prefile) 6/10/21
NY SB 227	Makes the failure to provide food, water or appropriate shelter to a companion animal left outside a felony: Makes the failure to provide food, water or appropriate shelter to a companion animal (dogs and cats) left outside a felony punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000, or imprisonment for not more than	01/06/21: Senate, REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE	(prefile) 6/10/21

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	2 years, or by both such fine and imprisonment.		
NY SB 234	Relates to implementing a dangerous dog owner alert system	01/06/21: Senate, REFERRED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT	(prefile) 6/10/21
NY SB 461	Prohibits ear clipping and tail docking of dogs and cats unless deemed medically necessary to protect the life or health of the dog or cat.	01/06/21: Senate, REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE	(prefile) 6/10/21
OH HB 24	To make changes to humane society law, to make humane society agents subject to bribery law, and to establish procedures for the seizure and impoundment of certain animals and livestock.	02/12/19: House, Introduced 02/12/19: House, Referred to Committee House Agriculture and Rural Development 03/26/19: Senate, BILL ACCEPTED, House Agriculture and Rural Development, (Third Hearing) 05/07/19: AMENDED, House Agriculture and Rural Development, (Third Hearing) 05/14/19: OUT, House Agriculture and Rural Development, (Fourth Hearing) 10/30/19: House, PASSED BY HOUSE, Vote 92-0 11/13/19: Senate, Referred to Committee Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Hearing - 02/05/2020 16:00:00 [Senate] Agriculture And Natural Resources Committee South Hearing Room HEARING - 12/02/2020 2:30 PM [Senate] Agriculture And Natural Resources 12/02/20: REPORTED OUT AS AMENDED, Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources, (Fourth Hearing) 12/03/20: Senate, PASSED BY SENATE, Amended on Floor, Bill Vote 32-0 12/08/20: House, Consideration of Senate Amendments, House Does Concur, Vote 85-0 12/29/2020, SIGNED BY GOVERNOR, eff. 90 days	12/31/20
OH HB 665	To modify the laws governing agricultural societies, to recodify the law governing amusement ride safety, to address funding and other issues related to county and independent agricultural societies and the Ohio Expositions Commission, and to declare an emergency.	05/19/20: House, Introduced Analysis as introduced 05/27/20: House, Referred to Committee House Agriculture and Rural Development 06/04/20: BILL AMENDED, House Agriculture and Rural Development, (Second Hearing) HEARING 06/09/2020 11:00:00 [House] Agriculture And Rural Development Committee Room 121 06/10/2020 15:00:00 [House] Agriculture And Rural Development Committee Room 121 06/11/2020 09:00:00 [House] Agriculture And Rural Development Committee Room 121	12/31/20

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		06/10/20: BILL AMENDED, House Agriculture and Rural Development, (Third Hearing) 06/11/20: REPORTED OUT AS AMENDED, House Agriculture and Rural Development, (Fourth Hearing) 06/11/20: House, PASSED BY HOUSE, Amended on Floor, Bill Vote 62-25 06/30/20: Senate, Referred to Committee Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources HEARING 07/21/2020 10:30:00 [Senate] Agriculture And Natural Resources Committee Finance Hearing Room 12/09/20: REPORTED OUT AS AMENDED, Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources, (Fourth Hearing) 12/22/20: Senate, PASSED BY SENATE, Vote 22-9 12/22/20: House, Consideration of Senate Amendments, House Does Concur, Vote 59-23 Enrolled on December 22 2020 - 75% progression, died in chamber	
Texas convenes 1/12/21			
TX HB 121	Relating to the adoption of cats and dogs previously used for research.	11/09/20: House, Filed	(prefile) 5/31/21
TX HB 337	Relating to the intake and disposition records of animal shelters and releasing agencies.	11/09/20: House, Filed	(prefile) 5/31/21
Virginia convenes 1/13/21 with carryover from 2020			
VA HB 1744	Animal care; zoos and petting zoos; seizure of animals. Animal care; zoos and petting zoos; seizure of animals. Raises from reasonable cause to probable cause the standard for a belief that animal cruelty laws are being violated for purposes of an application for a search warrant. The bill adds animals located at a zoo or petting zoo, defined in the bill, to agricultural animals as exceptions to the standards for seizure or impoundment of companion animals. The bill also requires that before a seizure can take place at a zoo or petting zoo, a direct and immediate threat to an animal must exist that cannot be corrected in a reasonable time or that the owner is unable or unwilling to correct. The bill requires humane investigators to be residents of the Commonwealth. The bill contains technical amendments.	11/30/20: House, Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/21 21100865D 11/30/20: House, Committee Referral Pending	(prefile) 2/11/21
Wyoming convenes 1/12/21			

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WY SF 24	Bond for impounded animals.	12/30/20: Bill Number Assigned	(prefile) 2/26/21
WY SF 25	Animal impound proceedings - bond and disposition.	12/30/20: Bill Number Assigned	(prefile) 2/26/21
WY SF 26	Animal abuse statutes reorganization and update.	12/30/20: Bill Number Assigned	(prefile) 2/26/21

Federal Legislation:

HR 1380	Big Cat Public Safety Act	<p>2/26/19: introduced and referred to House Committee on Natural Resources</p> <p>3/12/19: Referred to Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.</p> <p>3/26/19: hearing held before the subcommittee</p> <p>09/18/19: House, Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife Discharged.</p> <p>09/18/19: House, Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.</p> <p>09/18/19: House, Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays: 21 - 14.</p> <p>06/08/20: Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 116-430.</p> <p>06/08/20: House, Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 116-430.</p> <p>06/08/20: House, Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 344.</p> <p>12/03/20: Mr. Case moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.</p> <p>12/03/20: Considered under suspension of the rules.</p> <p>12/03/20: DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1380.</p> <p>12/03/20: At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.</p> <p>12/03/20: Considered as unfinished business.</p> <p>12/03/20: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 272 - 114</p> <p>12/03/20: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.</p> <p>12/07/20: Senate, Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.</p> <p>Engrossed on December 7 2020 - 50% progression, died in committee</p>	Dec 2020
HR 1754	Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA)	<p>03/14/19: House, Introduced in House</p> <p>03/14/19: House, Introduced in House</p>	

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		<p>03/14/19: House, Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.</p> <p>03/15/19: House, Referred to the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce.</p> <p>09/09/20: House, Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.</p> <p>09/09/20: House, Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 46 - 5.</p> <p>09/29/20: House, Mr. Pallone moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.</p> <p>09/29/20: House, Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4973-4983)</p> <p>09/29/20: House, DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1754.</p> <p>09/29/20: Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 116-554.</p> <p>09/29/20: House, Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 116-554.</p> <p>09/29/20: House, Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 454.</p> <p>09/29/20: House, Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.</p> <p>09/29/20: House, On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H4973-4980)</p> <p>09/29/20: House, Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.</p> <p>09/30/20: Senate, Received in the Senate.</p> <p>Passed Senate 12/21/2020</p> <p>Signed into law by President Trump 12/27/2020</p>	
<p>HR 2245</p>	<p>Conserving Ecosystems by Ceasing the Importation of Large Animal Trophies Act or the CECIL Act</p> <p>This bill addresses international wildlife conservation efforts and trophy hunting.</p> <p>Specifically, this bill restricts (1) the importation or exportation of species that have been proposed to be listed as threatened or endangered species, or (2) the importation of a sport-hunted trophy of a threatened species or endangered species.</p> <p>In addition, the bill abolishes the International Wildlife Conservation Council of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.</p>	<p>04/10/19: House, Introduced in House</p> <p>04/10/19: House, Introduced in House</p> <p>04/10/19: House, Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, and Ways and Means, 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>04/10/19: House, Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, and Ways and Means, 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>04/10/19: House, Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, and Ways and Means, 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>Dec 2020</p>

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	Finally, the Government Accountability Office must study the effectiveness of trophy hunting in supporting international wildlife conservation efforts.	04/10/19: House, Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade. 04/29/19: House, Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife. 07/18/19: House, Subcommittee Hearings Held. 09/18/19: House, Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife Discharged. 09/18/19: House, Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held. 09/18/19: House, Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 19 - 16. 12/21/20: Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 116-680, Part I. 12/21/20: House, Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 116-680, Part I. 12/21/20: Committee on Foreign Affairs discharged. 12/21/20: House, Committee on Foreign Affairs discharged. 12/21/20: Committee on Ways and Means discharged. 12/21/20: House, Committee on Ways and Means discharged. 12/21/20: House, Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 563.	
HR 8867	to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from conducting medical research causing significant pain or distress to cats.	12/03/20: House, Introduced in House 12/03/20: House, Introduced in House 12/03/20: House, Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Introduced on December 3 2020 - 25% progression, died in committee	Dec 2020
S 4749	A bill to address the public health risks posed by wildlife markets, and for other purposes. Preventing Future Pandemics Act	09/29/20: Introduced in Senate 09/29/20: Senate, Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. Introduced on September 29 2020 - 25% progression, died in committee	Dec 2020
S 4757	Puppy Protection Act Same as HR2442	09/29/20: Senate, Introduced in Senate 09/29/20: Senate, Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (text: CR S5897) Introduced on September 29 2020 - 25% progression, died in committee	Dec 2020

Local Ordinances:

	None at this time.		
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