

2022 GENERAL ANIMAL LEGISLATION PASSED

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ARIZONA	HB2182 Chapter 292	livestock assistance program; infrastructure projects	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 6/13/22
AFFECTED: Livestock owners and operators SPECIES: Livestock CLASSIFICATION: New Grant				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creates livestock operator fire and flood assistance grant program to provide grants to landowners and lessees of livestock operations with > 40 animals due to wildfire and associated flooding if not eligible or only partially funded for another program • Limits to 50% per county/fiscal year AND \$250,000 per operation for single wildfire • Grantees need written report on fund use in 12 months & annually until completed AND report to governor and leaders of House and Senate by Dec 31 • Allows up to 5% of funds for administration costs 				
ARIZONA	HB2323 Chapter 243	homeowner's insurance; dogs; nondiscrimination	Effective 90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 5/20/22
AFFECTED: Homeowners with dogs; Insurances SPECIES: Dogs CLASSIFICATION: Ban – Breed Discrimination				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prohibits using breed of dog in findings of facts or conclusions of law entered by a court, administrative law judge, hearing officer, arbitrator or other to determine whether dog is vicious or liable • Prohibits using breed of dog for underwriting processes to determine risk and liability for dog claims under insurance policy AND information gathering methods regarding ownership or possession of dog insured 				
ARIZONA	HB2324 Chapter 138	animal fighting; cockfighting; minors presence	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 4/14/22
AFFECTED: Animal Fighters, Cockfighters, Minors SPECIES: Animal CLASSIFICATION: Ban – Minors attending fights				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bans knowingly causing, allowing or assisting a minor to attend an animal fight or cockfight or be present at building or place where preparations are made for one • Penalty is Class 1 misdemeanor 				
ARIZONA	HB2372 Chapter 107	animal cruelty; release conditions	Effective 90 days after adj	Signed into law 4/6/22
AFFECTED: Those convicted of Animal Cruelty SPECIES: Animals CLASSIFICATION: Ban – possession animals				
Requires judicial officer ordering release of repeat violator on own recognizance or execution of bail who is currently on probation for animal cruelty to prohibit that person from possessing or having contact with any animal				

ARIZONA	HB2437 Chapter 294	Arizona beekeepers special plates	Effective 90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 6/13/22
AFFECTED: Car Owners – Bee Enthusiasts SPECIES: Bees CLASSIFICATION: Special License Plate				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows AZ beekeepers special plates if \$32,000 provided by 12/31/22 and person designs the plates Makes \$8 administration fee and \$17 donation of the \$25 plate fee Creates AZ beekeepers special plate fund - \$32,000 reimbursed to donor and limited to 10% of annual deposits for administration Allows annual allocation to 501(c)(3) charitable organizations located in US that existed since 2017, have mission to teach better beekeeping methods, encourage study of apiculture, and participate in outreach 				
ARIZONA	HB2626 Chapter 207	animal handling; microchip scan	Effective 90 days after adj	Signed into law 4/29/22
AFFECTED: cities or towns, county pound, city or town facility, vet, state incorporated humane societies, crematories, animal shelters, owners SPECIES: dogs and cats CLASSIFICATION: Requires microchip scan				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires city or town that employs, contracts or subcontracts someone to remove deceased cats and dogs from public places to thoroughly scan it for a microchip and make reasonable effort to contact owner before any disposal at a landfill Dogs and cats impounded or found in public place deceased to county pound, city or town facility, veterinarian, or state incorporated humane society with cooperative agreement with county must be thoroughly scanned for a microchip with reasonable effort made to contact owner Also requires stray dogs or cats brought to veterinarian, ones brought to crematory by other than owner, and ones brought to animal shelter to be scanned for microchip and reasonable effort to contact owner Replaces destroy with euthanize in several laws 				
ARKANSAS	HB1042 Act 59	AN ACT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE TREASURER OF STATE - ANIMAL RESCUE SHELTERS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR.	Effective 7/1/22	Signed into law 2/23/22
AFFECTED: Animal rescue shelters SPECIES: CLASSIFICATION: Appropriation				
Appropriates \$25,000 to county animal rescue shelters and \$25,000 to city animal rescue shelters for 2022-2023				
CALIFORNIA	AB-1781 Chapter 80	Safe transportation of dogs and cats.	Effective 1/1/23	Signed into law 7/1/22
AFFECTED: Public animal control agency/shelter, SPCA shelter, humane society shelter, rescue group in cooperative agreement with shelter SPECIES: Dogs, Cats CLASSIFICATION: Regulate Traveling Facilities				
Mobile or traveling housing facility conditions for dogs and cats must not endanger the health or well-being of animal due to temperature, no ventilation, no food or water or other circumstances that could cause suffering, disability, or death				
CALIFORNIA	AB1959 Chapter 254	Vertebrate pest control: carbon monoxide.	Effective 1/1/23	Signed into law 9/6/22
AFFECTED: Pest Controllors SPECIES: Rodent pests CLASSIFICATION: Extends repeal date				
Extends repeal date of law allowing carbon monoxide to control pest rodents				

CALIFORNIA	AB2723 Chapter 549	Animals: microchips: theft.	Effective 1/1/23	Signed into law 9/26/22
AFFECTED: Owners reclaiming/Adopters from rescue/shelter/etc. SPECIES: Dogs and cats CLASSIFICATION: Revises microchip law				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibits a shelter or rescue releasing a dog or cat to its owner or adopting or selling to a new owner from being registered as primary owner with microchip company Prohibits releasing to current or new owner for microchipped dog or cat unless person is registered as primary owner with microchip company For dogs or cats with preexisting microchip, records must be kept by shelter or rescue for 2 years showing efforts to contact primary owner or documented owner Exempts emergency evacuations from the microchip law 				
CALIFORNIA	SB-879 Chapter 551	Toxicological testing on dogs and cats.	Effective 1/1/23	Signed into law 9/26/22
AFFECTED: Pesticide/Chemical Researchers SPECIES: Dogs, cats CLASSIFICATION: Ban - Testing				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BANS "canine or feline toxicological experiment in this state to achieve discovery, approval, maintenance of approval, notification, registration, or maintenance of a pesticide or chemical substance" Exempts EPA or Toxic Substances Control Act requirement, waiver to EPA for testing to reduce number of animals, FDA requirement, medical research, cat or dog product research Penalty for cities/counties with population 750,000+ is civil action for costs, attorney fees and fine up to \$5000/day 				
CALIFORNIA	SB-1029 Chapter 990	One Health Program: zoonotic diseases.	Effective 1/1/23	Signed into law 9/30/22
AFFECTED: Listed agencies, owners of such animals SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: New Program				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates One Health Program to respond to zoonotic diseases Requires regular reports Requires developing framework for program including proposed legislation Requires submitting to legislature assessment of framework and recommendations after developed 				
COLORADO	HB22-1235	Sunset Continue Regulation Of Veterinary Practice	Effective 90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 6/8/22
AFFECTED: Veterinarians and Technicians SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: Sunset Extension; Regulates				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extends State Board of Veterinary Medicine regulation of vets until 9/1/33 Adds 2 veterinary technicians to board Regulators may NOT refuse to renew license for vet technicians Regulates veterinary technicians 				
COLORADO	SB22-167	Affirm Greyhounds As Companion Pets	Effective 90 days after adj	Signed into law 5/2/22
AFFECTED: Breeders SPECIES: Racing greyhounds CLASSIFICATION: Removes exemption				
Removes the exemption for racing greyhound breeders from the Pet Animal Care and Facilities Act				

COLORADO	SB22-169	Sensitive Species Data And Public Records	Effective 90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 5/20/22
AFFECTED: Public SPECIES: Sensitive Species CLASSIFICATION: Deny Public Access				
Allows denying access of data or information that reveals specific location of: plant species of greatest conservation need, individual or group of animals, or animal breeding or nesting habitat if contrary to public interest				
COLORADO	SB22-199	Native Pollinating Insects Protection Study	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 5/27/22
AFFECTED: Executive Director SPECIES: Native Pollinating Insects CLASSIFICATION: Requires Study				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires Executive Director as soon as possible to study state agency programs, resources and needs challenges regarding native pollinating insect populations, ecological systems and health and resistance AND make recommendations for improvement Allows study to 1) summarize current data on pollinator health, 2) identify gaps in current knowledge of bee distribution and dynamics, species at risk of decline, and incentives for state land managers to protect them AND opportunities for protection programs and ecological state land management practices, and 3) include recommendations for outreach programs and protection of insects Requires director to consult with federal agencies and independent scientists and experts with expertise (must include Colorado State University, University of Colorado, and Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory) Requires Transportation, Public Health and Environment, and Agriculture to identify their relevant programs and provide input on the study Requires summary report by 1/1/24 Repeals section on 7/1/24 Appropriates \$179,642 (\$50,632 for personal services and \$129,010 operating expenses) to Executive Director for 2022-2023 				
CONNECTICUT	HB05170 Public Act 22-59	AN ACT CONCERNING THE TETHERING AND SHELTERING OF DOGS.	Effective 10/1/22	Signed into law 5/23/22
AFFECTED: Owners, Caregivers SPECIES: Dogs CLASSIFICATION: Tether Restrictions				
Prohibits tethering dog: without providing potable water twice every 24 hours, when weather advisory or warning by National Weather Service (was federal, state, local authority) or outdoor environmental conditions pose threat due to dog size or coat thickness for more than 15 minutes without adequate shelter as defined unless person is around and outside with dog during conditions				
DELAWARE	HB 383	AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 31 RELATING TO "SEEING EYE DOGS."	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 10/14/22
AFFECTED: Blind using such dogs SPECIES: Seeing-eye Dogs CLASSIFICATION: Repeals				
Repeals the title due to being covered in other laws				
DELAWARE	HB 390	AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO DESIGNATING THE DRYPTOSAURIDAE THE OFFICIAL DINOSAUR OF DELAWARE.	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 10/26/22
AFFECTED: All SPECIES: Dryptosauridae CLASSIFICATION: Official State Animal				
Designates Dryptosauridae as official state dinosaur				

DELAWARE	SB 228	AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 3 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO VETERINARY TECHNICIANS.	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 10/3/22
AFFECTED: Veterinary Technicians SPECIES: Dog, Cat CLASSIFICATION: Authorization to give rabies vaccine				
Allows veterinary technician under indirect supervision of veterinarian to give a dog or cat in and owned by a shelter a rabies vaccine AND requires them to sign the certificate				
DELAWARE	SB 258	AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 10 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO CIVIL ACTIONS FOR TORTIOUS INJURIES, INCLUDING DEATH, TO LAWFULLY OWNED PETS.	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 10/14/22
AFFECTED: Owners SPECIES: Domestic pets excluding livestock and animals violating law CLASSIFICATION: Legal action for injuries				
Allows civil action and compensatory damages for tortious injuries to pets by another or their animal that includes fair market value of any pet that dies including veterinary care, reasonable veterinary care for injured pets, and emotional trauma and pain and suffering with a limit of \$15,000 for veterinary care and \$15,000 for emotional trauma				
FLORIDA	SB 226 Act 2022-188	Care for Retired Law Enforcement Dogs	Effective 7/1/22	Signed into law 6/10/22
AFFECTED: SPECIES: Retired Law Enforcement Dogs CLASSIFICATION:				
Creates Care for Retired Police Dogs Program Act to provide funding for veterinary care for such dogs				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contracts with 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization to enforce it chosen through competitive grant award process – organization must: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be dedicated to protection or care of retired police dogs 2. Be 501(c)(3) for 5 years 3. Agree to be audited for accurate accounting 4. Demonstrate ability to disseminate information and work with former handlers and adopters • Nonprofits disburses funds for program to former handlers or adopters of retired police dogs that served 5 years or more with receipt of 1) documentation from law enforcement agency or correctional agency that dog served with them or with 2 or more agencies 5 years or more OR served 3 years and retired from injury AND 2) invoice from veterinarian for veterinary care in the state and establishing payment by handler or adopter • Disbursements limited to \$1500/dog/year • Allows nonprofit to receive 10% of funds for administrative costs including salaries and benefits • Appropriates \$300,000 each fiscal year to fund 				

HAWAII	SB2798 Act 071	RELATING TO VETERINARY MEDICINE.	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 6/17/22
AFFECTED: Veterinarians SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: New Permit				
Creates new courtesy permit for veterinarians licensed in another jurisdiction wanting to temporarily practice in the state AND new relief permit for veterinarians in another jurisdiction that is filling in for an absent veterinarian in the state:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited to 30 days plus 1 renewal in 12-month period – 60 days total • Require regular license if more than 2 permits in 2 years • Need: active license in another jurisdiction, desire to practice only temporarily in state, and sponsor (not required to be on same island for relief permit) • Must: consent to jurisdiction and authority of board, practice under supervision of sponsor (courtesy only), not practice independently of sponsor in state, comply with these laws, cease to offer services if license or practice no longer active or is limited in other jurisdiction, notify board in 15 days of disciplinary action in another jurisdiction or convicted of criminal offense in another jurisdiction, and pay all costs for investigation or enforcement • Prohibits having courtesy permit and relief permit during same 12 months • Sponsors must determine level of supervision required, veterinary care given by permittee, notify board in writing, and confirm permittee has proper state permit • Pay \$100 surcharge for administration costs – nonrefundable 				
Allows veterinary telemedicine:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited to veterinarian-client-patient relationship and only between exams and visits to premises • Must conduct evaluations with acceptable standards of care, take precautions to safeguard confidentiality, make client aware of vet identity, location, license number and status, and maintain records • Medicines require veterinarian-client-patient relationship • Allows veterinary teleadvice or teletriage without relationship – poison control agency expert may also provide teletriage • Allows veterinary telesupervision for tasks not requiring supervision • Adds relevant definitions 				
Revises what is considered practicing vet medicine and needing license				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Now includes assessments • Exempts those in another jurisdiction under sponsor/indirect supervision during emergency up to 21 days and courtesy and relief permit • For examination, now allows graduates of a foreign college of veterinary medicine that meets requirements of AVMA Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates or the American Association of Veterinary State Boards Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence • Exams no longer required to be conducted twice a year 				
Creates new temporary permits for graduates – limit 1 nonrenewal permit and limited to 24 months				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be graduate of college meeting AVMA Council of Education OR foreign college of veterinary medicine under AVMA Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates or the American Association of Veterinary State Boards Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence OR have license in another state • Must be supervised by another veterinarian with licensed vet on same island during practice and available daily for consultation • Valid until results of examination – terminated if fail state board exam, national board exam, clinical competency test 				

HAWAII	SB2002 Act 154	RELATING TO FAIR HOUSING REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS.	Effective 11/1/22	Signed into law 6/27/22
AFFECTED: Real Estate Brokers; Those with Assistance Animals SPECIES: Assistance Animals CLASSIFICATION: Verification of Assistance Animals				
For discriminatory practice while engaging in real estate transaction:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> revises reasonable accommodations to assistance animals instead of just animals for which restrictions may be imposed if disability is not apparent, person may request verification of disability – may not request medical records or access to healthcare providers or inquire about diagnosis, nature or severity of disability If need for service animal not apparent, person may request verification of need to alleviate disability Verification may be communication from health care professional, mental health professional, or social worker Verification does NOT include vests, garments, tags or registration documents purchasable online Defines assistance animal which include therapy animals, comfort animals and emotional support animals and do NOT require training – not limited to dogs 				
HAWAII	SB2621 Act 135	RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.	Effective 7/1/22	Signed into law 6/27/22
AFFECTED: Department of Agriculture SPECIES: Livestock, feral ungulates CLASSIFICATION: Appropriation				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriates \$500,000 or as much as needed for 2022-2023 to department of agriculture to control spread of bovine tuberculosis among livestock and feral ungulates on Molokai Must be used for 1 new full-time veterinary medical officer II position, 1 new full-time livestock inspector II position, acquire land to construct portable field office, and 1 new vehicle 				
IDAHO	H0559 Chapter 51	Confined animal feeding operations	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 3/16/22
AFFECTED: Confined animal feeding operations SPECIES: NA CLASSIFICATION: Creates fund				
Creates Confined Animal Feeding Operations Improvement Fund and committee				
IDAHO	H0720 Chapter 322	Personhood, animals, objects	Effective 7/1/22	Signed into law 3/31/22
AFFECTED: All SPECIES: Nonhuman animals CLASSIFICATION: Prohibits personhood of animals				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibits environmental elements, artificial intelligence, nonhuman animals, and inanimate objects from being granted personhood in the state Excludes legal persons in municipality, organization, corporation, or other legal or business entity before 7/1/22 				
INDIANA	HB 1013 Public Law 32	State fossil	Effective 7/1/22	Signed into law 3/7/22
AFFECTED: All SPECIES: Mastodon CLASSIFICATION: Official state fossil				
Designates mastodon as official state fossil				

INDIANA	HB 1021 Public Law 111	Horse racing veterinarians.	Effective 7/1/22	Signed into law 3/14/22
AFFECTED: Horse racing veterinarians, racetracks SPECIES: Racing horses CLASSIFICATION: Expands definition of veterinarian				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expands definition of horse racing veterinarian to include BOTH those with license or special permit from Indiana board of veterinary medical examiners to practice veterinary medicine in the state AND those exempt from licensing and appointed by commission to take or supervise take of biological samples if authorized at racetrack Allows veterinarians not licensed by the state to be appointed by commission to take or supervise take of biological samples of race horses 				
INDIANA	HB 1148 Public Law 48	Veterinary medicine.	Effective 7/1/23	Signed into law 3/8/22
AFFECTED: State Veterinarian SPECIES: NA CLASSIFICATION: Revises role and more				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revises role of state veterinarian from secretary of board to state administrative officer Replaces board of veterinary medical examiners with board of veterinary medicine Creates Indiana Center for Animal Policy to coordinate the state board of animal health and board of veterinary medicine with state vet as chair Requires center to 1) develop animal policy regarding healthy animals, safe food supply and diverse range of medical services, 2) facilitate collaboration between the two on animal health and welfare enhancement, food safety and emergency preparedness programs, 3) streamline investigations and enforcement between the two, 4) enhance ability of vets and state board to support regulatory missions, 5) engage in outreach and education, and 6) safeguard against incompetent, dishonest, or unprincipled vet practice 				
IOWA	SF 2260	A bill for an act providing for the adoption of certain animals confined by research facilities.	Effective 7/1/22	Signed into law 5/23/22
AFFECTED: Research facility, adopters SPECIES: Dog, cat CLASSIFICATION: Requires adoption of research animals				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires research facilities to create an adoption program for retired dogs and cats that do not have substantial medical condition or pose risk to public Must either transfer to animal shelter or animal rescue for placement under an agreement with the shelter/rescue OR transfer to person for placement in their home under an agreement 				
LOUISIANA	HB607 Act 629	CRIME: Provides relative to penalties for the crime of simple cruelty to animals (OR SEE FISC NOTE LF EX)	Effective 8/1/22	Signed into law 6/18/22
AFFECTED: Animal Cruelty Violators SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: Revises Penalty				
Requires paying for housing of animals and medical treatment if convicted of simple cruelty to animals				

LOUISIANA	HB714 Act 712	MANUFACTURING: Provides relative to cosmetics	Effective 8/1/22	Signed into law 6/18/22
AFFECTED: Cosmetic Manufacture, Seller, Supplier SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: Ban – Animal Testing				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bans selling cosmetic that used cosmetic animal testing during development or manufacture if conducted by manufacturer, supplier or contractor Exempts testing: 1) outside US required by foreign regulatory authority if evidence not used to substantiate safety, 2) cosmetics or ingredients under 21 USC 351, 3) cosmetic ingredient for non-cosmetic product as required by federal, state or foreign regulatory agency if evidence not used to substantiate safety unless no nonanimal recognized alternative, evidence of noncosmetic intent, and history of using outside cosmetics for 12 months prior, 4) required by state or federal regulatory agency if no nonanimal alternative, cosmetic ingredient or nonfunctional constituent poses risk of causing specific substantiated human health problem and need is justified by detailed research protocol, cosmetic ingredient or nonfunctional constituent is in wide use and not replaceable Exempts: final form cosmetics tested before effective date, ingredient tested before effective date, and manufacturers reviewing, assessing or retaining evidence from test Prohibits parish or political subdivision from prohibiting cosmetic animal testing not identical to this law Penalty for manufacturer selling in violation is civil violation with fine up to \$1000 for 1st day and \$500 per additional day 				
LOUISIANA	HB842 Act 59	ANIMALS/CRUELTY: Provides relative to liability for veterinary professionals for the reporting of animal cruelty	Effective 8/1/22	Signed into law 5/17/22
AFFECTED: Veterinarians SPECIES: NA CLASSIFICATION: Exempt from liability				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State licensed veterinarians and veterinary technicians who in good faith reports reasonable belief of animal cruelty to commissioner, P.O.S.T. certified animal control, law enforcement or prosecuting attorney are immune from civil liability or criminal prosecution Also makes them immune for releasing confidential information for a subpoena or court-ordered disclosure or with owner's written consent 				
LOUISIANA	SB17 Act 2	FEES/LICENSES/PERMITS: Provides for the distribution of fees collected from the "Save the Honeybee" prestige license plate. (gov sig)	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 5/13/22
AFFECTED: Louisiana Beekeepers Association SPECIES: Bees CLASSIFICATION: License Plate Fees				
Allows using annual royalty fee collected for Louisiana Beekeepers Association for special license plates to be used for financial aid for postgraduate students enrolled as postsecondary institution working on honey bee projects				
LOUISIANA	SB293 Act 88	TAX/SALES: Creates a state sales tax rebate for the purchase of certain agricultural fencing materials by commercial farmers. (gov sig)	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 5/24/22
AFFECTED: Commercial Farmers SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: Sale Tax Rebate				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides sales and use tax rebate for agricultural fencing materials bought by commercial farmers recovering from Hurricanes Laura, Delta, Zeta and Ida Fencing materials must be used to enclose areas for agriculture use for production of food or fiber and be for repairs in federally declared disaster areas from listed hurricanes Excludes fencing paid for from insurance proceeds or from state/federal funds unless reported as taxable income or are repayable loans Rebate must be claimed after fencing completed – limited to 1 per year Processed by Department of Revenue and requires documentation of purchase and destruction by hurricane listed Purchases must be made by 12/31/22, and applications submitted by 12/31/23 				

MAINE	HP 1395 Chapter 725	An Act To Increase Maine's Veterinary Workforce	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 5/3/22
AFFECTED: Veterinarians SPECIES: Livestock, Others CLASSIFICATION: Increases loans				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increases loans issued from Maine Veterinary Medicine Loan Program to 8 loans annually with an aggregate of 32 • At least half of loans and at least 2 must be to those likely to practice livestock veterinary medicine – may award to other vets if fewer applicants • Includes those interested in practicing in area with insufficient veterinary service (livestock or emergency and critical care) along with underserved geographic regions • Increases loan to \$35,000 a year for 4 years • Requires Finance Authority to provide annual report with number of applications and loans, amount disbursed, loan forgiveness awarded, total vet students with loans, total veterinarians with loan forgiveness, current program participants working in veterinary specialty related to both livestock and emergency and critical care, number of participants in underserved geographic region, and location of each vet practice • Appropriates \$220,000 for 2022-2023 for program 				
MAINE	HP 1454 Chapter 580	An Act Related to Hunting Dogs and Civil Trespass	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 4/7/22
AFFECTED: Hunters SPECIES: Hunting dogs CLASSIFICATION: New Permit; Revises Requirements				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BANS turning a hunting dog loose in pursuit of bear, coyote, bobcat, fox or raccoon 1) onto another person's property if landowner or agent personally communicated to handler that they do not want it released on their property OR property is posted under Title 17-A Section 402 and they do not have permission, and 2) if hunting dog was previously on the property and handler notified in writing by law enforcement in last 365 days the landowner does not permit hunting dogs there <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Penalty if adjudicated of violation in past 365 days is civil fine of \$500-1000 • 2nd violation of civil trespass with hunting dog as listed above results in suspension of hunting license for 1 year • Conviction or adjudication of civil trespass with hunting dog also results in revocation of new dog training and hunting period for 1 year for 1st violation and 2 years for 2nd • Creates new dog training and hunting permit - \$12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Required for those 16 or older to train a hunting dog or hunt with a hunting dog on bear, fox or raccoon - Exempts those under supervision of licensed guide and those under 16 from permit - Penalty is civil violation of \$100-500 except 3 or more violations in last 5 years is Class E crime • Hunting dogs after bear, coyote and bobcat must not only have a collar with name, address and phone, they must now have GPS tracker AND dogs after foxes and raccoon AND dogs being trained now need collar and GPS • The 6 hunting dog limit on hunting coyotes and bobcats was expanded to include foxes and raccoons • Allocates \$18,000 to Landowner Relations Fund for 2022-23 where the fees for the new permit are sent to 				

MAINE	SP 599 Chapter 696	An Act To Increase Funding for the Animal Welfare Fund by Increasing Certain Fees	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 5/2/22
AFFECTED: Commercial Feed Distributors SPECIES: NA CLASSIFICATION: Increase Fees; Revises Allocation of Fees				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revises allocation of fees collected from commercial feed distributors with 20% to General Fund and 80% to Animal Welfare Fund (was 50/50) Allocates 80% of fees from dog licenses, facility licenses, municipal animal control and research to Animal Welfare Fund (was half) Revises compensation fees for animal shelters that hold seized animals until court determination: dogs and cats \$15/day (was \$5), females with unweaned litters \$18/day (was \$8), equines \$20/day (was \$10), livestock except equines, fowl and rabbits \$5-20/day (was \$5-10) Allocates \$335,232 to Animal Welfare Fund for 2022-23 				
MARYLAND	HB0016 Chapter 181 SB0044 Chapter 182	Crimes - Unattended Dogs - Extreme Weather Conditions and Heat	Effective 10/1/22	Signed into law 4/21/22
AFFECTED: Owners, Handlers SPECIES: Dogs CLASSIFICATION: Ban – leaving outside without shelter				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BANS leaving dogs outside unattended for longer than 30 minutes without access to continuous suitable shelter during extreme weather conditions (temps below 32F or during active winter or cold weather warning of NWS) and without suitable shelter or shade if temps 90F+ Penalty civil offense with warning for 1st offense, \$500 for 2nd offense, and \$1000 per subsequent offense Exempts dogs actively and legally hunting, livestock herding or guarding, sledding, sporting or training Defines sporting, suitable shade and suitable shelter Allows local governments to enact stricter laws 				
MARYLAND	HB0022 Chapter 178 SB0067 Chapter 179	Animal Welfare - Declawing Cats - Prohibited Acts	Effective 10/1/22	Signed into law 4/21/22
AFFECTED: Veterinarians, Owners SPECIES: Cats CLASSIFICATION: Ban – declawing cats				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibits veterinary practitioners from performing declawing on cats except for therapeutic purposes (address physical or medical condition that affects health or well-being) Allows Board to refuse, suspend or revoke veterinary application or license for willfully violating the declaw ban Excludes nail trimming, nail filing and nail caps Under criminal law, prohibits any person from performing declawing procedure on cat except therapeutic purposes with civil offense fine up to \$1000 – enforced by state or local law enforcement or local animal control 				
MARYLAND	HB0191 Chapter 472	Department of Agriculture - Spay/Neuter Fund - Extension and Report	Effective 6/1/22	Signed into law 5/16/22
AFFECTED: All SPECIES: NA CLASSIFICATION: Law Extension				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extends spay/neuter fund law Chapter 561 and Chapter 562 to 19 years so they expire 9/30/2032 Requires department to include in Oct 2022 report the additional sources of revenue for the fund 				

MARYLAND	HB1062 Chapter 180	Criminal Law - Animal Cruelty - Petition for Costs for Care of Seized Animal	Effective 10/1/22	Signed into law 4/21/22
AFFECTED: Owners SPECIES: NA CLASSIFICATION: Allows care costs for seized animals				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revises the law regarding seizure of animals under animal cruelty law by replacing removal with seizure throughout Requires person who seizes the animals to notify owner by personal service or certified mail within 24 hours, gives owner right to petition court for return if administrative remedy is not available, and requires person who seizes animal to provide instructions how to do so Strays are to be forfeited to person authorized to seize it but now requires trying to contact owner for 72 hours first Replaces prohibition on removing farm animals without vet recommendation to include seizure of livestock, poultry or dog actively engaged in livestock herding or guarding Adds that if owner petitions for return, a humane society agent, police officer or public official protecting animals may petition for costs of care of the seized animal until determination is made if petition is made 10-30 days after seizure Adds that for seized livestock NOT petitioned for return, the entities above may petition for continued possession and costs of care if petition is made 10-30 days after seizure Requires copy of petition for care costs be sent to owner within 7 days to mailing address, business address of council of record, or detention facility (if detained) Requires hearing scheduled 14-21 days to determine whether seizure was warranted, whether continued possession of petitioner is warranted, responsibility of owner of cost of care, and whether owner can own or possess new animals during criminal proceeding – must notify owner of hearing in 7 days Requires petitioner to demonstrate reasonable costs for care, seizure was warranted and continued possession by them is warranted AND gives owner opportunity to object to evidence and request alternative disposition of animal Requires decision of hearing in 5 days Care costs are limited to \$15/day/animal plus \$50/day/animal for necessary medical care If petitioner granted care costs, owner is liable for filing fees and care costs – may petition for adjustment to amount If seizure found to be warranted, court may prohibit new animals until conclusion of criminal proceedings First payments start in 14 days after determination and then monthly starting 30 days after original payment which is held by clerk of court with petitioner only allowed to withdraw for actual costs – animal forfeited if not paid within 30 days Petitioner may 1) provide necessary care including euthanasia if determined necessary by vet to prevent suffering – must notify owner before unless immediate euthanasia required and 2) transfer to another facility if court is notified first Care costs terminate if owner surrenders animal, animal is forfeited to petitioner or animal dies – unused funds are returned to owner Petitioner immune from civil liability related to care except intentional misconduct or gross negligence resulting in death If owner acquitted and pays care, animal must be returned along with care costs paid; if convicted, animal is forfeited 				
MARYLAND	SB0038 Chapter 185	Public Safety - Fire and Rescue - Veterinary Care of Retired Fire and Rescue K-9s	Effective 10/1/22	Signed into law 4/21/22
AFFECTED: Fire and Rescue Departments, Adopters SPECIES: Fire and Rescue Dogs				
CLASSIFICATION: Expands retired dog care to Fire and Rescue				
Adds fire and rescue departments who retire dogs used in fire and rescue work must reimburse for veterinary care for those with written agreement to take possession of the dog after 10/1/22 – currently only includes police dogs				

MARYLAND	SB0206 Chapter 92	Department of Agriculture - Spay/Neuter Fund - Extension	Effective 6/1/22	Signed into law 4/12/22
AFFECTED: All SPECIES: NA CLASSIFICATION: Law Extension				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extends spay/neuter fund law Chapter 561 and Chapter 562 to 19 years so they expire 9/30/2032 • Requires department to provide report about fund on 10/1/22 that includes spay/neuter programs not receiving support from fund, market capacity for commercial feed brand name or product name of commercial feed fee increase, fee structure to implement in 5-10 years to enhance revenue, and additional sources of revenue 				
MASSACHUSETTS	H901 Chapter 149	An Act protecting research animals	Effective at least 90 days	Signed into law 8/4/22
AFFECTED: Research facility, adopter SPECIES: Dog, Cat CLASSIFICATION: Requires adoption of retired research animals				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires a research facility to adopt out a retired dog or cat that does not require euthanasia • Requires health assessment to determine suitability for adoption • Requires making reasonable effort to offer animal for adoption to individual, shelter or rescue and allows entering into collaborative agreement with them AND facilitate permanent adoptions, selecting adopters willing to keep permanently with adequate space, and review the rescue/facility mission statement, reputation and history • Research facility may refuse to offer a dog or cat with behavioral or medical defect that risks public health or safety or has disease, injury or condition that will adversely affect the animal's health • Research facility is not liable for care for shelter or rescue or for injuries or damages by the animal • Exempts newborns not ready for adoption 				
MASSACHUSETTS	S2573 Chapter 23	An Act allowing humane transportation of K9 partners aka Nero's law	Effective at least 90 days	Signed into law 2/15/22
AFFECTED: EMS, law enforcement SPECIES: K-9 CLASSIFICATION: Requires transport of injured K-9				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires EMS to provide emergency treatment to injured police dog in line of duty and transport it to veterinary facility as long as no person needs such services • Requires Department of public health and MA Veterinary Medical Association and department of state police's K9 unit to develop policies for each region that includes EMS training for basic first aid and CPR (excludes advanced life support), safe handling procedures, ID of veterinary services that provide such care, decontamination of equipment, and sterilization of ambulance • Allows waiver if determined to be public safety risk • EMS and additional personnel who in good faith render emergency services or transport to police dog are not personally liable for the care or for the veterinary services provided at vet facility 				
MICHIGAN	HB 5588 of 2021 PA 120'22	Animals: dogs; provision related to tattooing of certain dogs under the dog law of 1919; repeal. Amends sec. 14a of 1919 PA 339 (MCL 287.274a).	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 6/29/22
AFFECTED: Dog Licensers, Owners SPECIES: Dogs CLASSIFICATION: Repeal Tattoo				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeals requirement that those doing dog registrations provide information about the availability of a statewide tattoo identification registry for dogs • Updates department name 				

MICHIGAN	HB 5589 of 2021 PA 121'22	Animals: dogs; provision related to tattooing of dangerous dogs; repeal. Amends title & sec. 2 of 1988 PA 426 (MCL 287.322).	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 6/29/22
AFFECTED: Dangerous Animal Owners SPECIES: Dangerous Animals; Dogs CLASSIFICATION: Repeal Tattoo				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replaces court or magistrate with district court magistrate, district court or municipal court Replaces requirement for tattoo for dangerous domestic dogs with permanent identification Removes requirement that identification number be assigned by department Updates scientific name of domestic dog 				
MINNESOTA	H. F. 3420 Chapter 95	A bill for an act relating to agriculture; appropriating money for grants and financial assistance to livestock farmers and crop producers impacted by drought; appropriating money to the Rural Finance Authority revolving loan account for drought relief.	Effective 5/27/22	Signed into law 5/26/22
AFFECTED: Livestock Farmers SPECIES: Livestock CLASSIFICATION: Appropriation				
Various appropriations for livestock				
MISSISSIPPI	HB1065	Nuisance animals; bring forward certain sections of law relating to.	Effective 7/1/22	Signed into law 4/14/22
AFFECTED: All SPECIES: Wild Hogs CLASSIFICATION: Ban - Transport				
BANS transport of live wild hogs in the state				
MISSISSIPPI	SB2029	Laws that provide for camps for 4-H Club and that provide for the maintenance of herds at state institutions; repeal.	Effective 7/1/22	Signed into law 4/13/22
AFFECTED: 4-H, Others SPECIES: Livestock CLASSIFICATION: Repeals laws				
Repeals these laws: Section 37-113-29 (4-H Camp in Panola County), Section 37-113-31 (4-H camp in Madison County), Section 37-133-33 (beef cattle foundation herds at MS State University of Agriculture and Applied Science), Section 37-133-37 (livestock inventory by state institutions)				
NEBRASKA	LB829	Change provisions relating to offenses against animals	Effective 3 months after adjournment	Signed into law 4/18/22
AFFECTED: SPECIES: CLASSIFICATION:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends violation of animal offenses so that any person with felony conviction is prohibited from owning an animal for 5-15 years (updates to reflect law already passed) Gives prosecuting attorney 10 business days to file application for hearing to determine disposition on seized animal 				
NEBRASKA	LB848	Change provisions of the Animal Health and Disease Control Act relating to catastrophic livestock mortality	Effective 3 months after adjournment	Signed into law 4/18/22
AFFECTED: Owners SPECIES: Livestock CLASSIFICATION: Changes Authority				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gives department authority to support planning and assistance with catastrophic livestock mortality disposal when funds are available Requires owner to dispose of body of dead animal resulting from disease, natural disaster or emergency event resulting in catastrophic livestock mortality or euthanasia to location designated by county or local emergency management 				

NEBRASKA	LB851	Change enforcement procedures and redefine terms related to certain crimes involving animals	Effective 3 months after adjournment	Signed into law 4/18/22
AFFECTED: Owners, Animal Abusers SPECIES: NA CLASSIFICATION: Expands Definition; Require Investigation				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes kicking, hitting or striking animals to definition of cruelly mistreat Repeated beating now includes successive strikes causing illness to animal Requires law enforcement who has reason to believe animal is abandoned or cruelly neglected or mistreated to promptly investigate and may issue citation in lieu of making arrest 				
NEW HAMPSHIRE	HB 1327 Chapter 26	including diabetes in the conditions listed for eligibility for a service dog.	Effective 6/17/22	Signed into law 4/18/22
AFFECTED: Those with Diabetes SPECIES: Service Dogs CLASSIFICATION: Expands Eligibility				
Includes dogs that alert people with diabetes to change in blood sugar levels to service dogs				
NEW HAMPSHIRE	SB 17 Chapter 3	AN ACT relative to permitting dogs in outdoor dining areas of restaurants.	Effective 4/24/22	Signed into law 2/23/22
AFFECTED: Owners, Restaurants SPECIES: Dogs CLASSIFICATION: Legalize – Dogs at Outdoor Dining				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows restaurants to permit dogs in outdoor dining area if exterior access, all food prepared and utensils stored inside, store owner displays sign at entrances with listed text, dog owners control dog and keep dog on ground and out of aisles and do not allow dog to eat or drink on glasses, plates or utensils, staff does not pet or play with dog, store owner asks dog owner to remove any threatening or aggressive dog, store owner calls 911 for dog bites or injuries, outdoor area is cleaned and sanitized, and dogs are not in food prep or production areas Excludes service animals Allows municipality to pass ban 				
NEW HAMPSHIRE	SB 368 Chapter 225	relative to animal vending licenses.	Effective 1/1/23	Signed into law 6/17/22
AFFECTED: Agriculture Hearings Officers, Owners SPECIES: Dog, Cat, Ferret, Various CLASSIFICATION: New Fund, New Requirement				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates fund for agricultural hearings officers and requires fines collected by department to be deposited into it except livestock and meat inspectors Funds adjudicative procedures including hiring hearings officers Limits withdrawals to \$75,000/year Balance of fund over \$10,000 must be deposited into general fund every quarter Adds certificate of transfer before transferring ownership of dog, cat or ferret to misdemeanor for pet vendors not having license AND creates administrative fine of up to \$1000/violation for both owners and pet vendors 				

NEW MEXICO	HB 56 Chapter 8	TEMPORARY VETERINARY PERMITS	Effective 90 days after adj	Signed into law 2/28/22
AFFECTED: Nonresident Veterinarian SPECIES: NA CLASSIFICATION: Revises Permit				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revises temporary permit for nonresident veterinarians to clarify it only allows 2 total 60-day permits Allows temporary permit for nonresident vets employed by or contracted with state, municipality or county to provide veterinary services at nationally accredited zoo or aquarium in the state to last 6 months with 2 total permits 				
NEW MEXICO	HM 24	DEVELOP PLAN TO SAVE ADOPTABLE DOGS & CATS	Effective	Passed House 2/17/22
AFFECTED: Animal Shelter, County Managers, Others SPECIES: Adoptable Cats and Dogs CLASSIFICATION: Request for adoption plan				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request county managers and interested parties to convene task force to develop comprehensive plan to save adoptable cats and dogs in shelters Set goal to save all adoptable cats and dogs at NM shelters and humane societies by 12/31/25 Request county managers, animal welfare organizations, and interested parties to develop comprehensive plan on reaching goal and submit to interim committee by 5/1/22 Request copies of this memorial to be sent to counties and humane society officers 				
NEW YORK	S07783	Relates to the prohibition of the slaughter of race horses and race horse breeding stock	Effective When Similar Laws Take Effect	Signed into law 2/24/22
AFFECTED: Owners SPECIES: Race Horses CLASSIFICATION: Revises prohibition				
Revises so that owners of race horses that raced in state or were used for breeding after 1/1/2022 are NOT liable for violation of the slaughter prohibition if proper documentation that it was transferred to another owner with no financial or familial relationship				
NEW YORK	S07851 Chapter 199	Relates to the thoroughbred breeding and development fund	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 5/9/22
AFFECTED: Racetracks SPECIES: Thoroughbred Horses CLASSIFICATION: Extends expiration				
Extends expiration of racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law relating to the state thoroughbred breeding and development fund to 12 years after commencement of video lottery facility at Aqueduct racetrack				
NORTH CAROLINA	SB 651 Ch. SL 2022-67	Amend Veterinary Practice Act/DACS Budget.	Effective 7/1/22	Signed into law 7/8/22
AFFECTED: Veterinarians, Staff SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: Revises Fee, Removes Registration				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adds definition for veterinary consulting Increases fee of veterinary practice facility inspection and inspections due to serious inspection violation or complaint to \$150 Repeals veterinary student preceptee registration Adds fee for veterinary facility permit of \$150 Replaces veterinary employee with staff and adds definition Removes prohibition on employees having compensation other than salary Adds appropriation for a restaurant 				

OHIO	H. B. No. 30	Revise law re: slow-moving and animal-drawn vehicles	Effective 8/1/22	Signed into law /22
AFFECTED: Animal-drawn vehicles, slow-moving vehicles SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: Revises Requirements				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revises law regarding slow-moving vehicles Removes lighting and reflective materials required for animal-drawn vehicles 				
OKLAHOMA	HB3261	Definitions and general provisions; designating the American Quarter Horse and the Colonial Spanish	Effective 11/1/22	Signed into law 5/5/22
AFFECTED: All SPECIES: American Quarter Horse CLASSIFICATION: State Horse				
Designates the American Quarter Horse the official state horse and provides a history				
OKLAHOMA	HB3430	Agriculture; swine show testing; effective date.	Effective 11/1/22	Signed into law 4/21/22
AFFECTED: Swine Exhibitions, Sales, Shows SPECIES: Swine CLASSIFICATION: New ID and testing requirements				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires swine at exhibitions, sales or shows to have federal premises identification number or state location identification number Requires ID of swine during testing with both ears notched or 840 USDA button-type ear tag – untested exhibition swine from validated-qualified herd need same Requires OK swine to have negative brucellosis and pseudorabies test after May 15 each year for fall exhibit and after Nov 10 for spring exhibits plus official test chart or certificate of veterinary inspection Requires out-of-state swine to meet requirements of transitional production swine import Requires swine from V/Q herd to be exhibited by immediate family member of herd AND have herd number, quarterly test date, and official ID on certificate of veterinary inspection 				
RHODE ISLAND	HB 7136	AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - ANIMAL CARE	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 6/29/22
AFFECTED: Veterans SPECIES: Shelter Dog or Cat CLASSIFICATION: Exempts from Fees				
Prohibits public animal shelter from charging an adoption fee for a dog or cat if presented a current and valid driver's license or state ID with veteran on it BUT allows limiting to 1 every 6 months				
RHODE ISLAND	HB 7785	AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- ANIMAL DISEASES IN GENERAL	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 5/24/22
AFFECTED: All SPECIES: Domestic Animals CLASSIFICATION: Creates Quarantine Zones				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows director of the department of environmental management to establish quarantine or control zones consistent with state and USDA emergency plans to restrict animal and part movements if suspected of contagious, infectious, zoonotic or communicable disease and keep in place until chief of agriculture or state vet states it is no longer necessary Allows director to order exam or testing of quarantined area in such zone 				
RHODE ISLAND	HB 7908	AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE EMBLEMS	Effective Immediately	Became law w/o signature 6/17/22
AFFECTED: All SPECIES: Trilobite CLASSIFICATION: State Fossil				
Designates trilobite as official state fossil				

RHODE ISLAND	SB 2443	AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - CRUELTY TO ANIMALS	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 6/30/22
AFFECTED: Owners, Guardians, RI SPCA SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: Revises care and seizure				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> States RI SPCA shall provide suitable care to abandoned, neglected or mistreated animal AND notice should go to owner or guardian Requires RI SPCA to provide notice that failure to pay for care may result in forfeiture on written demand for care expenses Requires care costs to be reasonable and related to equivalent services provided by vet care, sheltering, feeding and boarding Allows owner of seized animal to petition court within 60 days for return of animal AND requires summons of SPCA to hearing 14 days before hearing Requires court to consider animal's condition, care required and ability to care for animal If owner found able to properly care for or arrange for care, owner may care for it until final determination of criminal charges If animal is returned after hearing, owner does not have to pay for care before it was returned unless found guilty in criminal charges If owner does not petition for return of animal or respond to written demand for payment for care within 60 days, RI SPCA may petition court for transfer of ownership to them AND if owner does not respond to petition, the animal is transferred to them 				
RHODE ISLAND	SB 2444	AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 6/21/22
AFFECTED: Owners, Veterinarians SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: Authorized Drug Use				
Allows veterinarians to prescribe chorionic gonadotropin for veterinary use if approved by the FDA				
RHODE ISLAND	SB 2497	AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE EMBLEMS	Effective Immediately	Became law w/o signature 6/17/22
AFFECTED: All SPECIES: Trilobite CLASSIFICATION: State Fossil				
Designates trilobite as official state fossil				
RHODE ISLAND	SB 2996	AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - ANIMAL CARE	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 6/29/22
AFFECTED: Veterans SPECIES: Shelter Dog or Cat CLASSIFICATION: Exempts from Fees				
Prohibits public animal shelter from charging an adoption fee for a dog or cat if presented a current and valid driver's license or state ID with veteran on it BUT allows limiting to 1 every 6 months				
RHODE ISLAND	SB 3019	AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- ANIMAL CARE	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 6/29/22
AFFECTED: Police Officers, EMTs SPECIES: Police Dogs CLASSIFICATION: Allow Emergency Transport				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows EMS to provide emergency services and transport by ambulance to veterinary facility an injured police dog if it does not inhibit their ability to provide care for humans Requires department of health, in consultation with RI veterinary medical association, Rhode Island association of fire chiefs, Rhode Island state association of firefighters, 2 EMTs, international brotherhood of police officers' K-9 officer, fraternal order of police's K-9 officer, and department of state police's K-9 unit to develop policies regarding training of EMT to provide basic first aid and life-saving methods like CPR, safe handling procedures for dogs, identification of emergency facilities, decontamination of stretchers and equipment afterward, and sterilization of ambulance Allows Department of Health to grant waiver if safety risk to public 				

SOUTH DAKOTA	HB 1096	revise provisions regarding livestock identification.		Signed into law 3/24/22
AFFECTED: Owners SPECIES: Livestock CLASSIFICATION: Revises Livestock Identification				
Allows owners to identify livestock using methods in 9 C.F.R. part 86 of 2013 or other methods adopted by board				
TENNESSEE	HB 213 Pub. Ch. 926	Veterinarians - As introduced, authorizes members of the board of veterinary medical examiners to be reappointed for successive terms; clarifies the definition of "veterinary facility". - Amends TCA Title 63, Chapter 12 and Title 68, Chapter 8.	Effective 7/1/22	Signed into law 4/29/22
AFFECTED: Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners; Veterinarians SPECIES: NA CLASSIFICATION: Revises board terms; Revises definition				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows member of the board of veterinary medical examiners to be reappointed for successive terms Simplifies definition of veterinary facility from listing and defining various types to a simple definition of "a building, place, or mobile unit from which the practice of veterinary medicine is conducted" 				
TENNESSEE	SB1731 Chapter 638	Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the Tennessee equine health advisory commission to June 30, 2026	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 3/11/22
AFFECTED: Equine health advisory commission SPECIES: Equines CLASSIFICATION: Extends commission expiration				
Removes Tennessee equine health advisory commission from list of entities expiring 6/30/22 and adds it to the list of ones expiring 6/30/26				
TENNESSEE	SB2013 Chapter 1106	Animal Cruelty and Abuse - As introduced, enacts "Joker's Law," which revises the offense of knowingly and unlawfully killing a police dog, fire dog, search and rescue dog, service animal, or police horse without the owner's effective consent; adds provisions regarding knowingly and unlawfully causing serious injury to such an animal; permits transfer of juveniles charged with the offense to adult criminal court. - Amends TCA Section 37-1-134 and Title 39, Chapter 14.	Effective 7/1/22	Signed into law 6/1/22
AFFECTED: Abusers, Owners/Handlers SPECIES: Police, fire, search/rescue, service dog; Police Horse CLASSIFICATION: Revises offense				
Creates Joker's Law				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offense to knowingly and unlawfully cause serious bodily injury or kill a police dog, fire dog, search and rescue dog, service animal, or police horse without owner's consent – Class B felony Exempts those who kill or injure animal if creating imminent danger of death or serious injury to that person or another or imminent danger of death to their animal – excludes person trespassing or those who kill or injure police dog while engaging or escaping from criminal conduct Revises section on intentional killing of animal to exclude those included in new section above Allows juveniles to be charged as adults if: 1) under 14 and killed or caused serious bodily injury to police dog, fire dog, search and rescue dog, service animal, or police horse, 2) 14-16 and did same, 3) 16+ and committed robbery, or 4) 17+ 				

UTAH	H.B. 175 Chapter 142	Protection of Animals Amendments	Effective 5/4/22	Signed into law 3/22/22
AFFECTED: Owners, Abusers, Stalkers SPECIES: Household animals CLASSIFICATION: Protects animals under stalking and domestic violence laws				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under stalking, includes significant mental or psychological suffering from harm to an animal to the definition of emotional distress • Defines household animal as tamed and kept as pet • Adds space on Dating Violence Protective Order and Cohabitant Abuse Protective Orders to indicate whether household animal is requested • Dating violence protective orders and Cohabitant abuse protective orders – adds prohibiting person from physically injuring, threatening to injure or taking possession of household animal owned by petitioner AND prohibiting person from physically injuring or threatening to injure household animals owned by petitioner to items court may grant relief for without notice 				
UTAH	SB0017 Chapter 084	Grazing Advisory Board Amendments	Effective 5/4/22	Signed into law 3/21/22
AFFECTED: State Grazing Advisory Board SPECIES: Livestock CLASSIFICATION: Name change; Extends board expiration				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revises name of State Grazing Advisory Board to Utah Grazing Improvement Program Advisory Board • Extends board to 7/1/32 				
UTAH	S.B. 209 Chapter 103	Veterinarian Regulations Amendments	Effective 5/4/22	Signed into law 3/21/22
AFFECTED: Veterinarians; Owners SPECIES: NA CLASSIFICATION: Allows discussion by vets				
Excludes from unprofessional conduct when veterinarians discuss the effect of industrial hemp or cannabis product on an animal to the owner				

VERMONT	S.281	An act relating to hunting coyotes with dogs	Effective Immediately 7/1/22 7/1/24	Signed into law 6/1/22
AFFECTED: Hunters with dogs SPECIES: Hunting Dogs, Coyotes CLASSIFICATION: New Permit				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires a permit to hunt coyotes for training or taking using dogs • Limit 100 permits/year and limits nonresidents to 10% of resident permits issued prior year – commission must establish procedures for determining which receive it • Nonresidents may only train dogs during their home state training season • Fees are \$50 resident and a \$10 application fee and \$200 permit fee for nonresidents • Prohibits releasing dog for coyote hunting on land posted as not allowing it unless owner/handler has courtesy permission card from landowner • Prohibits releasing dog for coyote hunting on land if in last 365 days if dog previously found on land and law enforcement informed them dogs are not allowed • Prohibited release violation penalty is minor fish and wildlife violation and 5 point violation for 1st offense and 10 point violation for additional offense • BANS pursuing coyote with dogs until Fish and Wildlife rules are created regulating it except for defense of person or property if landowner or has courtesy permission card from landowner • Requires board to establish rules regarding hunting coyotes with dogs that include 1) limit on dogs used, 2) prohibition of substituting dog during pursuit, 3) legal method of take, 4) controls to prevent pursuit on lands that prohibit hunting or where pursuit of coyotes with dogs, harassment of people or domestic animals, and unintentional damage to people or property, 5) provisions that encourage hunters to seek landowner permission on unposted property, and 6) reporting coyotes killed using dogs • Requirement for rules takes effect immediately, temporary ban on hunting coyotes with dogs on 7/1/22, the rest regarding coyotes upon passage of rules, and the gun suppressor repeal on 7/1/24 				
VIRGINIA	HB 523 Chapter 273	relating to pet shops; notice of deceased animals.	Effective 7/1/22	Signed into law 4/8/22
AFFECTED: Pet Shops SPECIES: Cats and Dogs CLASSIFICATION: Requires Reporting Deaths				
Requires pet shops to keep records of anytime a cat or dog in their possession dies or is euthanized for 2 years AND show them to animal control and inspectors				
VIRGINIA	HB 830 Chapter 310	Slaughter and meat-processing facilities.	Effective 7/1/22	Signed into law 4/11/22
AFFECTED: Slaughter and meat facilities SPECIES: NA CLASSIFICATION: Strategic plan to increase number of facilities				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires Department to create a 5-year strategic plan to increase throughput capacity of inspected slaughter and meat-processing facilities and come up with ways to implement it and finish it by 1/1/23 • Encourages expansion of such facilities AND state meat inspection program in cooperation with USDA • Allows department to create financial incentives and technical assistance to expand such facilities 				

VIRGINIA	HB 1273 Chapter 651	Hunting with dogs; dogs to wear tags.	Effective 7/1/22	Signed into law 4/11/22
AFFECTED: Hunters SPECIES: Hunting Dogs CLASSIFICATION: Requires tags				
Requires hunting dogs to wear tags attached to their collar with owner name and number				
VIRGINIA	HB 1330 Chapter 387	relating to duty to identify submitted animal; microchip.	Effective 7/1/22	Signed into law 4/11/22
AFFECTED: Veterinarian, Shelter, Releasing Agency, Owners SPECIES: Companion Animals CLASSIFICATION: Requires microchip scan				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires veterinarians, animal shelters and releasing agencies that release or receive companion animals for adoption or euthanasia to try to identify the owner if unidentified including unweaned companions able to be handled including scanning for microchip before disposition and to make reasonable effort to contact owner using most expedient method • Requires keeping documentation of any reason an animal couldn't be scanned, scans that located or failed to find a chip, whether chip was registered to owner, and attempts to contact owner – must keep 30 days after disposition • Requires veterinarians to notify local public shelter when taking possession of strays • Excludes transfer between vets, shelters or releasing agencies 				
VIRGINIA	HB 1350 Chapter 94	relating to dealers; sale of dogs or cats for experimental purposes	Effective 7/1/22	Signed into law 4/5/22
AFFECTED: Dealers, Commercial dog breeders, Cat breeders for Research SPECIES: Cats, Dogs				
CLASSIFICATION: Prohibits sale for experimental purposes; Adds cat breeders for research				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adds cat breeders to those that are prohibited from importing for sale, selling, or offering for sale cats bred from USDA person with 1) direct or critical violation or a citation for 3+ indirect or noncritical violations in 2 years before obtaining cat OR 2) 2 consecutive no access to facility citations prior to obtaining cat • Adds sale for experimental purposes to prohibition above for dealers, commercial dog breeders and cat breeders • Adds owner, director, officer, manager, operator, member of staff, or animal caregiver that may not serve under cat breeder convicted of animal cruelty • Defines dealers, commercial dog breeders and cat breeders as those that breed dogs or cats for regulated under federal law as research animals 				
VIRGINIA	SB 87 Chapter 95	relating to dealers; sale of dogs or cats for experimental purposes	Effective 7/1/22	Signed into law 4/5/22
AFFECTED: Dealers, Commercial dog breeders, Cat breeders for Research SPECIES: Cats, Dogs				
CLASSIFICATION: Prohibits sale for experimental purposes; Adds cat breeders for research				
SAME AS HB 1350				

VIRGINIA	SB 88 Chapter 93	Breeders of cats and dogs; records of animals sold or transferred to animal testing facility.	Effective 7/1/22	Signed into law 4/5/22
AFFECTED: Breeders for Animal Testing Facility SPECIES: Cats and Dogs CLASSIFICATION: Requires records				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires breeders of cats and dogs for animal testing facilities to keep records of purchases and acquisitions and those owned, possessed or held along with transports, euthanasia, sales and dispositions for 5 years Records must include name/address/any USDA license of person acquired from, date acquired, name/address/any USDA license of person transferred to, USDA tag or tattoo assigned, description of animal, date and number of offspring, medical care and vaccines, date and method of disposition, number possessed for which there is no longer a need, number possessed with no longer a need offered for transfer to releasing agency for adoption Must allow inspection of records and submit quarterly summary 				
VIRGINIA	SB 90 Chapter 91	relating to breeders of dogs and cats for animal testing facilities; adoption of dogs and cats.	Effective 7/1/22	Signed into law 4/5/22
AFFECTED: Animal Testing Facilities SPECIES: Testing dogs and cats CLASSIFICATION: Requires breeders to adopt animals not needed				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adds breeders of dogs and cats for animal testing facilities that no longer need them to those that must offer release to releasing agency for adoption or adopt through private placement and for institutions of higher learning to develop own programs Adds breeders to those may enter agreements with releasing agencies 				
VIRGINIA	SB 249 Chapter 594	relating to sexual abuse of animals; penalty	Effective 7/1/22	Signed into law 4/11/22
AFFECTED: Abusers SPECIES: All vertebrates CLASSIFICATION: Bans sexual abuse				
New law banning sexual abuse of animals				
VIRGINIA	SB 279 Chapter 614	Vicious dogs.	Effective 7/1/22	Signed into law 4/11/22
AFFECTED: Owners, Law Enforcement, Animal Control SPECIES: Vicious Dogs CLASSIFICATION: Revises hearing deadlines				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires law enforcement or animal control located in jurisdiction where vicious dog resides or in the jurisdiction where an act took place to apply to magistrate in the jurisdiction to issue a summons for owner to appear before general district court for a dog believed to be vicious Requires evidentiary hearing to be held within 30 days of summons except with good cause Requires appeals to be heard in 30 days except with good cause 				
VIRGINIA	SB 604 Chapter 92	relating to animal cruelty; companion animals; penalty	Effective 7/1/22	Signed into law 4/5/22
AFFECTED: Research SPECIES: Companion Animals CLASSIFICATION: Revises definition				
Replaces the exclusion of research animals from definition of companion animals to exclude all animals actively engaged in scientific or medical experimentation				
VIRGINIA	SB 726 Chapter 311	Slaughter and meat-processing facilities; expanding facilities through strategic planning, etc.	Effective 7/1/22	Signed into law 4/11/22
AFFECTED: Slaughter and meat facilities SPECIES: NA CLASSIFICATION: Strategic plan to increase number of facilities				
SAME AS HB 830				

WASHINGTON	SB 5624 Chapter 158	Extending the expiration date of certain sections of chapter 92, Laws of 2019, regarding livestock identification.	Effective 6/9/22	Signed into law 3/24/22
AFFECTED: Owners SPECIES: Livestock CLASSIFICATION: Extends Expiration				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extends expiration of livestock identification law to 7/1/24 • Extends expiration of annual livestock inspection report to 7/1/24 				
WEST VIRGINIA	HB 4050 Chapter 8	Defining terms related to livestock trespassing	Effective 6/9/22	Signed into law 3/28/22
AFFECTED: Landowners, Owners SPECIES: Livestock CLASSIFICATION: Allows owner to retrieve; defines livestock				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires landowner of property that livestock trespasses on to allow owner to retrieve livestock after contacting them • Defines livestock as bovine, equine, porcine, ovine or caprine specie, domestic poultry, peafowl, guineafowl, leporidae, camelid, emu, and captive cervid 				
WEST VIRGINIA	SB 334 Chapter 171	Authorizing miscellaneous agencies and boards to promulgate rules	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 3/30/22
AFFECTED: Various SPECIES: Various CLASSIFICATION: Adopts agency rules				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bundled various rules adopted by agencies into this bill and approves them including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Feeding of Untreated Garbage to Swine - Commercial Feed - Livestock Care Standards as amended 				
WEST VIRGINIA	HB 4570 Chapter 212	To allow veterinary telehealth in West Virginia with out of state providers	Effective 6/8/22	Signed into law 3/28/22
AFFECTED: Veterinarians, Owners SPECIES: NA CLASSIFICATION: Allows telehealth				
Creates various rules for practicing veterinary medicine using telehealth with out-of-state providers				
WEST VIRGINIA	SB723 Chapter 36	Making supplementary appropriation to the Department of Agriculture - West Virginia Spay Neuter Assistance Fund	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 3/18/22
AFFECTED: Spay Neuter Assistance Fund SPECIES: NA CLASSIFICATION: Makes Appropriation				
Makes supplementary appropriation to West Virginia Spay Neuter Assistance Fund for unappropriated balance in fund				
WYOMING	HB0004 Chapter 28	Water permits-livestock on federal land.	Effective 7/1/22	Signed into law 3/9/22
AFFECTED: Owners SPECIES: Livestock CLASSIFICATION: New Permit				
Requires new permit to water livestock on federal lands and creates conditions				
WYOMING	HB0005 Chapter 97	Wild horse and burro management.	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 3/17/22
AFFECTED: Management programs SPECIES: Wild horses and burros CLASSIFICATION: Revises Requirement				
Revises management procedures				