

UAPPEAL

GENERAL ANIMAL BILLS THAT BECAME LAW IN 2018

STATE	BILL/ACT	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE	BECAME LAW
ALABAMA	HB 118 Act 2018-568	Taxation, Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo, exempt from state, county, and municipal sales and use taxes, under certain conditions,	7/1/18	Signed into law 4/6/18
<p>NOTE: This law only applies to Birmingham Zoo, Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo and Josh Willingham Foundation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extends Birmingham Zoo, Inc. sales and use tax exemption for capital expenditures from 9/1/19 to 9/30/22 • Adds such exemption for Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo until 9/30/22 if it provides annual report of exemption amount to Dept of Revenue except that county must be authorized by resolution from the commission • Exempts Josh Willingham Foundation from all sales and use tax (no expiration) 				
ALABAMA	HB 198 Act 2018-235	Alabama Assistance and Service Animal Integrity in Housing Act, documentation to be provided to landlord for exception, offenses of misrepresentation of entitlement to an assistance animal or service animal and misrepresentation of an animal as an assistance animal or service animal created as misdemeanors, Alabama Assistance and Service Animal Intergrity in Housing Act	6/1/18	Signed into law 3/15/18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creates Alabama Assistance and Service Animal Integrity in Housing Act – Allows landlord to request certain information about disability and disability-related need (if not apparent) for tenants requesting assistance animal exemption for animal prohibition policy; requires information to be kept confidential • Makes it an offense to misrepresent to another that a person has a disability or disability need in housing or makes materially false statements for documentations as such – Fine: 1st - \$500 civil penalty or Class C misdemeanor, all others – Class B misdemeanor • Makes offense to misrepresent assistance or service animal by creating document with such misrepresentation for use in housing, provides document to another person falsely stating as such, or fitting non-assistance or service animal with equipment stating such – Fine: Same as above 				
ALABAMA	HB 203 Act 2018-184	Chilton Co., dangerous dogs, procedures for declaring dog dangerous or a nuisance in unincorporated areas of county, registration requirement, penalties, const. amend		Became law w/o signature 3/8/18
<p>Constitutional amendment ballot proposal to authorize the Legislature to establish a procedure for declaring dogs dangerous and provide penalties in unincorporated Chilton County</p>				

ALABAMA	HB 204 Act 2018-236	Chilton Co., dangerous dogs, procedures for declaring dog dangerous or a nuisance in unincorporated areas of county, registration requirement, penalties	Upon adoption of constitution amendment	Signed into law 3/15/18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires animal control or law enforcement to investigate incidents involving dogs reported dangerous or nuisance in unincorporated areas of Chilton County Allows unowned dogs reported dangerous that bite person to be quarantined and destroyed Allows owned dogs reported dangerous or nuisance that cause serious physical injury or property damage to be impounded at pound, shelter or veterinarian pending petition to classify it and makes owner liable and provides strict process for classification and results 				
ARIZONA	HB 2261	veterinary faculty members; licensure requirements		Signed into law 3/20/18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends from stating that applicants shall be GIVEN exam to that they shall TAKE exam Specifies that exemption is for those who graduated from a vet college approved by the board Adds that vet faculty member employed by vet college accredited by AVMA is subject to vet faculty member license requirement 				
ARIZONA	SB 1517	state dinosaur; Sonorasaurus		Signed into law 4/10/18
Makes sonorasaurus official state dinosaur				
CALIFORNIA	AB 2349 Chapter 20	Humane officers: authorization to carry a wooden club or baton	1/1/19	Signed into law 6/1/18
Allows humane officer to carry wooden club or baton if they took a course certified by Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training				
COLORADO	HB 1041	Crime Of Cruelty To Certified Police Working Horse	Immediately	Signed into law 3/7/18
Adds certified police working horse to crime of cruelty toward police dog which is Class 1 misdemeanor for 1 st offense and \$1000 and anger management or relevant program				
COLORADO	SB 33	Animal Feeding Operation Permits Continuation	Immediately	Signed into law 5/29/18
Extends animal feeding operation permit program repeal date to 7/1/25 and increases appropriation to \$14,323				
CONNECTICUT	HB 5503 Public Act 18-131	AN ACT CONCERNING THE KILLING OR INJURING OF SEEING EYE DOGS AND ASSISTANCE DOGS	Immediately	Signed into law
Includes training expenses for guide dog owned by blind person or assistance dog owned by deaf or mobility impaired person to amount of damage person is liable for				

CONNECTICUT	SB 523 Public Law 18-15	AN ACT CONCERNING AN ANIMAL ABUSE REGISTRY	1/1/19	Signed into law 5/25/18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires department to create registry forms with certain information and set up animal abuse registry by 1/1/19 and notify local and state police of relevant registries; requires updating information as needed; makes registry public Requires those guilty of or not guilty due to mental disease of sexual contact with animal to register within 14 days of release for 2 years for 1st offense and 5 years for subsequent Adds animal abuse crimes to crimes involving deadly weapons registry regarding change of names 				
FLORIDA	H 155 Ch 2018-43 S 404	State Symbols	7/1/18	Signed into law 3/21/18
Reenacts loggerhead turtle as state saltwater reptile and Florida cracker horse as state horse and designates Florida cracker cattle as state heritage cattle breed				
FLORIDA	H 491 Ch 2018-49 S 776	Theft	10/1/18	Signed into law 3/21 /18
Increases fine for theft of commercially farmed animal or bee colony or grazing animals to \$10,000 which now includes avians				
FLORIDA	H 823 S 1576 Ch 2018-87	Lost or Stray Dogs or Cats	10/1/18	Signed into law 3/23/18
Increases measures to ensure dogs and cats find their owners including screening for ID, process of matching owners of lost pets with animals taken in, public notice within 48 hours of taking in new animal, notifying known owners within 48 hours, providing shelter hours on phone message, on front door and on internet and a return-to-owner process on internet, being open at least one weekend day and at least one week day after 5 pm per week, direct return-to-owner protocols for law enforcement/animal control to immediately return an identified animal, correctly identifying animal and checking for chip before euthanasia, extending stray hold period after a disaster				
GEORGIA	HB 671 Act 368	Special license plates; Georgia Beekeepers Association; establish	Immediately	Signed into law 5/3/18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Makes authentic historical license plate any license plate issued in or before 1989 (formerly 1970) for vehicle manufactured during or before 1989; allows model year to be within 4 years Creates Georgia Beekeepers Association special license plates for prison bee programs, nonprofits, or similar purposes 				

GEORGIA	HB 956 Act 456	Georgia Veterinary Practice Act; enact	7/1/18	Signed into law 4/8/18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires the consultation with a Category II DOA or other state agency employed veterinarian that primarily practices food animal veterinary medicine before filing criminal charges regarding animal husbandry of food animals (includes any animal designated by such vet as food animal) Requires veterinarian to disclose rabies vaccination history of any animal in their care within 24 hours of receiving written request by a person's physician who was bitten by such animal Revises purpose of Georgia Veterinary Practice Act and various definitions 				
IDAHO	H 407	Goats, wool assessments	7/1/18	Signed into law 3/14/18
Removes provision making goats assessed at rate comparable to wool				
IDAHO	SB 1305 Chapter 146	Stockwater, livestock	7/1/18	Signed into law 3/19/18
Makes water right appurtenant to base property and allows transfer to new property when federal grazing permit transfer approved				
INDIANA	SB 105	State agriculture and animal certification programs.	7/1/18	Signed into law 3/7/18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transfers livestock certification laws to animal health laws Allows state vet to certify certain animals for buyer specifications and international import standards for shipments to person which may charge fee and is exempt from liability for lawful actions Makes forging certification a Level 6 felony 				
INDIANA	SB 240 Public Law 162	Service animals	7/1/18	Signed into law 3/21/18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibits person renting a residential dwelling from asking person using service animal about the existence, nature and extent of a disability but may require written certification from health care provider (psychiatrist or physician, psychologist, behavioral health or human service professional or advanced practice nurse) proving that person has disability with medical need of service animal if disability is not apparent Creates Class A infraction for providing false information or falsely using service animal equipment Prohibits requiring fee for service animal Allows carrying out terms of rental agreement and charging for damages by service animal Makes renter not liable for service animal Those moving from another state may provide documentation from psychiatrist, physician, social worker or other mental health professional Exempts certain dwellings 				

IOWA	HF 2281	A bill for an act relating to confinement feeding operations maintaining fishes, by providing for the calculation of animal unit capacity, making penalties applicable, and including effective date provisions	Immediately	Signed into law 4/4/18
Changes animal unit capacity for fishes weighing less than 25g to 0.00006				
KANSAS	HB 2477	Relating to the Kansas pet animal act.	Published in Register	Signed into law 4/16/18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • License end date is now September 30 including for animal distributors, pet shop operators, pounds or animal shelters, hobby breeders, research facilities, boarding or training kennel operators, animal breeders, out-of-state distributors, retail breeders • Prohibits requiring license for individuals with written and signed agreements to provide temporary care for 1+ dogs or cats for an animal shelter and requires shelter to maintain list of such individuals • Prohibits providing notice of inspections (before applicants and licensees could be) • Increases fees as follows: \$450 for licenses under 91-579, \$250 for hobby breeder, \$400 for 1st class city animal shelter, \$335 for 2nd class, \$285 for 3rd class, \$600 for any other, most expensive license + \$50 per additional for multiple category licenses (before only required 1 fee) • Late fees will now be charged if not renewed by October 1 (instead of 45 days after) • Creates flat \$200 fee for inspections requested by permittee or applicant • Inspections: will be considered no-contact inspection if not available within 30 minutes with \$200 fee and will then make another attempt; failed inspections will cost \$200 for re-inspection and require reapplying for permits, paying fee, passing initial inspection and paying late fees 				
KANSAS	SB 2516	Providing immunity from civil liability for damage to a motor vehicle related to the rescue of a person or animal.	Published in Statute Book	Signed into law 4/5/18
Provides immunity for anyone entering motor vehicle to remove vulnerable person or domestic animals (excluding farm animals and livestock) if: it is locked with no other reasonable means to enter, has good faith and reasonable belief based on known circumstances that entry is necessary due to imminent danger of suffering harm, notifies law enforcement or calls 911 before or immediately after, uses no more force than necessary, remains with person or animal in safe location within reasonable proximity of vehicle until law enforcement or first responder arrives				
KENTUCKY	HB 329	AN ACT relating to assistance animals		Filed w/o signature 3/30
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows a person with disability to request reasonable accommodation to kept assistance animal in dwelling, and allows person receiving request to ask for documentation of the need for one including documentation from person they have/had a therapeutic relationship and evaluate the need for an assistance animal • Those granted such request shall comply with rental agreement and policies that do not interfere with equal opportunity, shall be exempt from pet fees or pet deposit or extra rent but shall be liable for physical damages caused by the assistance animal • Landlords are immune from liability for injuries caused by such assistance animal 				

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates offense of misrepresentation of service animal with up to \$1000 fine if person: misrepresents having a disability or disability-related need for an assistance animal in housing, makes materially false statements to provide documentation for such, creates or executes documents stating such, provide document to another falsely stating such, fits a non-assistance animal with a harness, collar, vest or sign for such 				
KENTUCKY	HCR 7 Chapter 126	Urge the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to issue more migratory bird depredation permits and subpermits to allow Kentucky farmers to legally take black vultures that are depredating their livestock	Immediately	Signed into law 4/10/18
Urges US FWS to issue more permits/subpermits to allow taking of depredating black vultures and shorten application process and requires resolution to be sent to US FWS, Kentucky Congressional delegation, and president of Kentucky Farm Bureau				
LOUISIANA	HB 292 Act 503	Provides relative to the use of a facility dog by a witness during a court proceeding	8/1/18	Signed into law 5/23/18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows facility dogs in court while testifying if witness is under 18 or has developmental disability or for others IF court filing submitted with certification, person who certified and evidence of being insured Requires court to instruct jury on role of facility dog and that it is trained 				
LOUISIANA	HB 393 Act 429	Provides for the issuance and administration of market agency and livestock dealer permits	8/1/18	Signed into law 5/23/18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specifies that it is livestock dealers who need Board permit Requires annual permit Allows denying, revoking or suspending permit for: material misstatement, violation of Board order or rule, allowing unpermitted person to use permit, conviction of crime involving misstatement/fraud/dishonesty, conviction for violating similar law in another state, suspension of disciplinary action involving USDA Packers and Stockyards Act, failing to possess qualifications needed, or any unpaid fines/fees/penalties Makes procedure for such denial, revocation or suspension to be in accordance with Administrative Procedure Act Allows Board to require paying reasonable costs for hearings, judicial reviews or appeals Removes that willful noncompliance automatically revokes permit Requires providing true and legal name of owner for livestock sales for theft and quarantine purposes Replaces state veterinarian with appointed by board for executive secretary Grants Board authority to issue market agency and livestock dealer permits and to issue penalties Penalties: allows public/private letter of reprimand or concern, restitution of department's costs, and denial/revocation/ suspension of permit 				
LOUISIANA	SB 156 Act 360	Provides immunity from liability for person providing gratuitous emergency care to a minor or domestic animal	8/1/18	Signed into law 5/20/18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Makes person immune from liability for property damage for rescue of a minor or dog or cat from unattended vehicle (owner more than 30' or unable to call out for) IF person: 				

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makes good-faith effort to locate owner beforehand • Contacts local law enforcement, fire department, animal control, or 911 beforehand • Determines vehicle is locked with no other reasonable means to enter • Believes dog or cat is in immediate danger of death • Uses force that was reasonably necessary • Places note on windshield with person's contact, reason for entry, location of dog/cat and notice of contacting authorities • Remains with dog or cat out of elements but reasonably close to vehicle until proper authorities arrive OR takes animal to closest shelter if unable to stay • Rescuers are still liable for any injuries caused to the animal while rescuing it 				
LOUISIANA	SB 236 Act 425	Creates the crime of sexual abuse of an animal	5/25/18	Signed into law 5/23/18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defines what classifies as sexual abuse of animals and excludes veterinary practices, artificial insemination, accepted husbandry practices (breeding, grooming, birth), judging of breed confirmation • Penalty is up to \$2000 fine/5 years imprisonment for 1st offense, \$5000-25000 and/or 10 years imprisonment for subsequent offense • Violators are also required to relinquish all custody of animals, not have animals for at least 5 years, not reside in a household or work at a job or volunteer at establishment with animals for at least 10 years, undergo psych evaluation, reimburse owner (if not owner) for medical care and rehabilitation, register as sex offender if released on parole • Allows law enforcement to take possession of animal during investigation and take to shelter or veterinary clinic for evaluation • Makes subsequent violation of animal sex abuse a sex offense • States that it does not affect current proceedings or requirements for prior violations 				
MAINE	HP 607 Chapter 404	An Act To Strengthen the Law Regarding Dangerous Dogs		Became law w/o governor's signature 4/4/18
Revises provision to only allow a dog to be held at governmental facility or humane society until a dangerous dog hearing instead of on owner's property				
MAINE	HP 1196 Chapter 338	An Act To Protect Persons Who Provide Assistance to Law Enforcement Dogs, Search and Rescue Dogs and Service Dogs		Signed into law 3/16/18
Makes EMT or law enforcement dog handler immune from liability for aiding a law enforcement, service or search and rescue dog except for wanton, willful or reckless misconduct or gross negligence				
MAINE	SP 629 Chapter 360	An Act To Remove Veterinarians from the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program		Signed into law 4/4/18
Removes requirement for veterinarians to check controlled substances prescription monitoring service before issuing certain medications and allows them to have education for controlled substances in general instead of just opioids				

MARYLAND	HB 212 SB 1038 Chapter 238	Criminal Law – Animal Cruelty – Sentencing Conditions and Selling Ban	10/1/18	Signed into law 4/24/18
Adds that authority to prohibit ownership of future animals for animal cruelty conviction is for specified period of time or life; adds same provision for those convicted of cockfighting or dog fighting; prohibits sale of animals by those convicted – misdemeanor penalty of 1-year imprisonment and/or \$2500 fine				
MARYLAND	HB 242 Chapter 153 SB 53 Chapter 152	Maryland Veterans Service Animal Program Fund – Alteration of Program	10/1/18	Signed into law 4/24/18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removes training support dogs from definition of nonprofit training entity • Allows secretary’s designee to administer fund • Only allows posting donors if they give permission to do so instead of only if they don’t request anonymity • Corrects term website 				
MARYLAND	SB 675 Chapter 236	Humane Adoption of Companion Animals Used in Research Act of 2018	10/1/18	Signed into law 4/24/18
Requires offering dogs or cats no longer used in research that are adoptable to animal rescue organization by establishing a list of their approved organizations and offering the animals to them and requires annual reporting of all dogs or cats owned, used in research, given to such organizations, and the list of organizations – Both may not disclose adoptees or employees of research facility				
MARYLAND	HB 1662 Chapter 237	Business Regulation – Retail Pet Stores	10/1/18 1/1/20	Signed into law 4/24/18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prohibits retail pet stores from offering dogs or cats for sale or transferring or disposing of them except to collaborate with animal welfare organizations or animal control to showcase animals up for adoption as of 1/1/20 • Defines animal welfare organization as one whose mission and practice is rescue and placement in permanent homes that does NOT obtain animals from breeder or broker for payment or compensation • Removes terms clinically ill, dealer, nonelective surgical procedure, and purchaser • Adds broker as person who transfers dogs for resale for another • Repeals sections pertaining to retail pet store offering dogs or cats for sale • Encourages animal welfare organizations to contact retail pet stores to facilitate adoptions and purchase from local breeders 				
MARYLAND	SB 1123 Chapter 701	Garrett County – Regulation of Animals – Enforcement		Signed into law 5/15/18
Also allows sheriff or deputy to enforce law for Garrett County instead of just animal control				

MICHIGAN	HB 4813 PA 34'18	Animals; other; training requirements for animal control shelters, animal protection shelters, and class B dealers to obtain a limited permit to buy, possess, and administer certain animal tranquilizers and sodium pentobarbital; revise.	Immediately	Signed into law 2/20
Requires 16 hours of training for Class B dealers, animal control shelters, and animal protection shelters who use drugs to euthanize animals along with records of euthanasia				
MICHIGAN	HB 4811 PA 92'18 Tie-bar 4812	Agriculture; other; certain food processing standards; modify compliance with federal regulations.	3/26/18	Signed into law 3/26/18
Mainly pertains to food for human consumption				
MICHIGAN	HB 4812 PA 93'18 Tie-bar 4811	Agriculture; other; certain feed standards; modify compliance with federal regulations	3/26/18	Signed into law 3/26/18
Pertains to commercial animal feed				
MICHIGAN	HB 5645 PA 282'18	Criminal procedure; witnesses; support dog when witness testifies; allow under certain circumstances	Immediately	Signed into law 6/28/18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows witness (under 16, 16+ with developmental disability, and vulnerable adult) testifying to have courtroom support dog and handler sit with or near them during testimony Changes mandatory notice of intent for using support person or courtroom support dog to requiring only notice of intent for use during trial Makes supplier agency responsible for dog while being utilized 				
MICHIGAN	HB 5775 PA 286'18	Crimes; animals; provision related to disposition and use of animals permanently unfit to work; repeal	Immediately	Signed into law 6/28/18
Repeals Section 59: Makes it a misdemeanor to offer for sale, sell or trade any horse or mule permanently unfit for work except horse hospital, animal retreat farm or similar institution AND makes it a misdemeanor to ride or drive such horse on any public way except to place for humane keeping, killing or medical or surgical treatment				
MICHIGAN	SB 316 PA 0020'18	Natural resources; other; certain regulations on the taking of frogs ; repeal.	2/14/18	Signed into law 2/14/18
Repeals ban on taking frogs from November 16 to Friday before black bass season AND spearing frogs with artificial light				
MINNESOTA	HF 3157 Chapter 106 SF 2646	Misrepresenting an animal as a service animal made a crime	8/1/18	Signed into law 4/26/18

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makes owner of real property immune from liability of injury or damage by assistance animal if owner believes in good faith or is told animal is service animal and it was not due to negligence of property owner • Makes it illegal to misrepresent animal as service animal in place of public accommodation to obtain access with a 1st penalty of petty misdemeanor and subsequent penalty of misdemeanor • Allows placing signs stating misrepresentation is illegal that follows language listed • Allows Council on Disability to make brochures guiding property owners how to legally tell if animal is service animals 				
MISSISSIPPI	HB 944	MS Support Animal Act; define certain terms and include veterans diagnosed with PTSD in list of persons who may use support animals.	7/1/18	Signed into law 3/8/18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows armed service veterans with PTSD to use support animals • Defines traumatic event, PTSD and support animal trainer • Defines support animal as a dog or miniature horse that does tasks for individual with disability such as visually or hearing impaired, minor protection or rescue, pulling wheelchair, fetching dropped items, detecting seizures, retrieval, allergen alert, assistance and stability for mobility disability, preventing impulsive or destructive behavior for neurological disability, medication reminders, calming someone with PTSD, or other tasks 				
MISSISSIPPI	SB 2934	Dog fighting; revise penalty for.	7/1/18	Signed into law 4/13/18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extends law to those who possess a dog for fighting and limits it to owners or possessors who willfully use it for fighting along with those involved in dog-fighting paraphernalia • Limits penalty for 1st offense to 5 years and creates subsequent offense of \$5000-10,000 and/or 3-10 years in Department of Corrections • Allows law enforcement to take possession of dogs when conducting arrest and keep them and paraphernalia except for forfeited dogs until determination is made • Allows owner of seized dogs 10 days to request hearing on their disposition • Defines what is considered paraphernalia 				
MISSISSIPPI	SB 2936	Livestock facilities; remove date of repeal on provision of law allowing certain groups to use at no charge.	7/1/18	Signed into law 3/5/18
Removes repeal date of provision that allows certain livestock groups to hold up to 3 animal or livestock shows or sales per year for no charge for using the livestock facility				
NEW HAMPSHIRE	HB 1238 Chapter 170	AN ACT relative to animal cruelty involving an equine colt	1/1/19	Signed into law 6/8/18
Adds to animal cruelty possession of an equine colt under 90 days old that is not being nursed by its mother unless colt was born in state and mom died AND sale of colts under 90 days old not being nursed by mother				
NEW HAMPSHIRE	HB 1289 Chapter 60	AN ACT relative to trespassing fowl.	7/24/18	Signed into law 5/25/18
Makes trespassing fowl a violation and requires complaints to be filed with law enforcement or local animal control				

NEW HAMPSHIRE	HB 1309 Chapter 175	relative to transferring dogs, cats, and ferrets by animal shelter facilities	8/7/18	Signed into law 6/8/18
Exempts animal shelter facilities from health certificates but are required to check dog, cat or ferret for tattoos or other identification and scan for microchip before transferring				
NEW HAMPSHIRE	HB 1349 Chapter 33	relative to biological products and diagnostic reagents for animal use	7/14/18	Signed into law 5/17/18
Requires products not required to be USDA licensed to have a USDA letter stating such				
NEW JERSEY	S 1925 Chapter 41	Designates Bog Turtle as State Reptile	Immediately	Signed into law 6/18/18
Designates bog turtle as New Jersey State Reptile				
NEW YORK	A 8926 S 7319 Chapter 37	Convenes a working group to examine the need for standards for the designation of therapy dogs	4/18/18	Signed into law 4/18/18
Requires commissioner to convene working group regarding therapy dogs which shall include department of agriculture and markets, department of health, office of mental health, division of human rights, alcoholism and substance abuse services, children and family services, office for the aging, veterans' affairs and relevant stakeholders				
NEW YORK	A 8951 S 7317 Chapter 36	Relates to establishing microchipping standards, registration of microchips and the examination of seized animals; repealer	4/18/18	Signed into law 4/18/18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows commissioner option to create rules and regulation regarding microchips AND includes need for veterinarians, animal shelters, dog control, animal control to have access to a microchip scanner Allows commissioner to appoint advisory committee which also includes shelters instead of just microchip industries 				
OKLAHOMA	HB 2716	Revenue and taxation; Oklahoma Pet Overpopulation Fund; income tax return checkoff; effective date.	11/1/18	Signed into law 4/26/18
Reauthorizes income tax checkoff for donation to Pet Overpopulation Fund on 1/1/19				
OKLAHOMA	HB 2997	Definitions and general provisions; designating the red-tailed hawk as the state raptor; effective d	11/1/18	Signed into law 4/30/18
Designates red-tailed hawk official state raptor				
OREGON	HB 4050 Chapter 19	Consolidates provisions prohibiting commercial transactions related to cockfighting equipment.	1/1/19	Signed into law 3/16/18

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfers provision declaring providing cockfighting equipment from being involved in cockfighting to being a participant AND states that it does not apply to violations prior to the law • Clarifies that exemption from animal abuse for certain activities does not exempt a person from being prohibited from owning an animal due to violations 				
OREGON	HB 4055 Chapter 22	Relating to vehicles.	1/1/19	Signed into law 3/16/18
Revises provisions regarding striking something with a vehicle; for domestic animals, if the driver knows or has reason to believe a vehicle was involved in a collision and injures or kills a domestic animal, that driver must stop at the scene or as close as possible to investigate (without obstructing traffic) or upon discovering that a vehicle may have injured a domestic animal AND states that it applies to conduct after it takes effect				
RHODE ISLAND	HB 7409	AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - ANIMAL CARE	Immediately	Signed into law 6/28/18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excludes vet housing animals for treatment from kennel • Also excludes a residence that feeds, waters and shelters up to 4 animals for a fee for someone else except for municipal laws that are stricter which are exempt from kennel license but subject to inspection between 8-5 due to animal care, health or welfare complaint for the areas which the animals have access AND must meet animal care facility rule standards except sanitation log • Penalty for failure to allow inspection: civil fine of \$350/day 				
RHODE ISLAND	HB 7414	AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DISPOSITION OF RESEARCH ANIMALS	Immediately	Signed into law 7/2/18
Requires higher education research facility that receives public money or tax exemption or facility collaborating with them that are using dogs or cats for medical research to have their vet assess its health for suitability for adoption, and if so, make arrangements with private placement, animal rescue, SPCA, humane society or other protective association that shelters pets and offers them for adoption; allows them to enter agreement with such organizations				
RHODE ISLAND	SB 2510	AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- ANIMAL CARE	Immediately	Signed into law 6/28/18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excludes vet housing animals for treatment from kennel • Also excludes a residence that feeds, waters and shelters up to 4 animals for a fee for someone else except for municipal laws that are stricter which are exempt from kennel license but subject to inspection between 8-5 due to animal care, health or welfare complaint for the areas which the animals have access AND must meet animal care facility rule standards except sanitation log Penalty for failure to allow inspection: civil fine of \$350/day				
SOUTH DAKOTA	SB 219	provide certain provisions regarding the furnishing of fraudulent disability documentation when renting accommodations		Signed into law 3/6/18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows landlord to require supporting documentation for tenant if a service or assistance animal is needed and reason is not readily apparent 				

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires documentation to be from a licensed health care professional confirming disability and need for animal Allows lessor to evict lessee and collect damage fee up to \$1000 for falsely claiming to have disability or false documentation 				
UTAH	SB 57	Police Service Animal Amendments	5/8/18	Signed into law 3/19/18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revises police service animal provisions to police service canines Increases penalty for knowingly or intentionally causing death of police canine to 2nd degree felony Removes those who offer or agree to participate from 3rd degree penalty 				
VERMONT	H 566 Act 112	An act relating to animal cruelty	Immediately	Signed into law 5/1/18
Replaces the term “beats” with “harms” and capitalizes 1st letter of each item				
VIRGINIA	HB 239 Chapter 113	Hunting with the assistance of dogs; Sunday hunting; exceptions.	7/1/18	Signed into law 3/2/18
Removes 2 am Sunday morning limit for hunting raccoons with dogs				
VIRGINIA	HB 359 Chapter 93	Rabies; quarantine of dog after possible exposure; police dogs.	7/1/18	Signed into law 3/2/18
Requires health director to weigh whether a dog that bit someone has rabies vaccine AND is trained for military/police/first responder work when determining whether to quarantine for 10 days				
VIRGINIA	HB 865 Chapter 272	Pet shops; local ordinance; bond for out-of-state breeder	7/1/18	Signed into law 3/9/18
Allows locality to pass ordinance requiring \$5000 bond, cash equivalent bond or letter of credit for pet shop selling up to 50 dogs acquired outside the state per year and \$30,000 for 51+ dogs which may be waived; May be ceased if locality has not used it in last 10 years; Locality may keep for the animals if pet shop closes				
VIRGINIA	HB 875 Chapter 100	Veterinarians; compounding of drugs	7/1/18	Signed into law 3/2/18
Changes from allowing 72-hour supply to 7-day supply of compounded drug				
VIRGINIA	HB 877 Chapter 780	Pet shops; sale of dogs; maintenance and availability of records	7/1/18	Signed into law 4/4/18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires pet shops with dogs to have 8.5”x11” sign near cage stating that the USDA APHIS report is available prior to purchasing Requires written records for 2 years after sale with breed, age, date of birth, sex, color, identifying markings, identifying information, medical treatments and preventative care, plus USDA license, state of breeder/dealer, final inspection reports from last 2 years, and name of shelter or organization acquired from as applicable 				

VIRGINIA	HB 1087 Chapter 672	Animal research ; alternative test methods; civil penalty.	7/1/18	Signed into law 3/30/18
Requires manufacturers and contract testing facilities to use alternative test methods where available except medical or biomedical research; Penalty: civil penalty in circuit court up to \$5000 plus court costs and attorney fees				
VIRGINIA	HB 1479 Chapter 534	Equine liability; execution of waiver.	7/1/18	Signed into law 3/29/18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specifies that representatives are for parents or guardians • specifies that waivers include intrinsic dangers of equine activities • Allows waiver to be executed at a location separate from equine facility • For minors: adds that execution includes if it is by duly authorized representative of the parent or guardian 				
VIRGINIA	HB 1537 Chapter 599	Animal boarding establishments; in-home care exception.	7/1/18	Signed into law 3/30/18
Changes definition of boarding establishment to exclude private residential dwelling with less than 5 companion animals not owned by proprietor				
VIRGINIA	HB 1607 Chapter 416	Abandonment of an animal; penalty.	7/1/18	Signed into law 3/23/18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reclassifies abandonment of animals from Class 3 misdemeanor to Class 1 misdemeanor • Revises abandonment from no care for 5 days to 4 days 				
VIRGINIA	HB 286 Chapter 819	Agriculture; food and drink sanitary requirements; exception for companion animals in wineries	7/1/18	Signed into law with governor change 4/18/18
Allows dogs in designated area inside or on premises of a distillery, winery or farm winery, or brewery or farm brewery except for areas used for manufacture of food products				
VIRGINIA	SB 28 Chapter 771	Medical research on dogs and cats; prohibition on use of state funds; civil penalty	7/1/18	Signed into law 4/4/18
Prohibits using state funds directly for medically unnecessary scientific or medical research that causes pain and distress on dogs and cats classified as USDA category E and excludes funds used for construction or maintenance, general-use equipment, overhead, capital improvements, and faculty or employee salaries				
VIRGINIA	SB 374 Chapter 469	Cattle Industry Board; assessment from sale of cattle.	7/1/18	Signed into law 3/23/18
Updates name of Virginia Cattle Industry Fund, changes Beef Industry Council to the Cattle Industry Board and makes various changes				

VIRGINIA	SB 375 Chapter 620	Hunting with the assistance of dogs ; Sunday hunting; exceptions	7/1/18	Signed into law 3/30/18
Removes 2 am Sunday morning limit on hunting raccoons with dogs				
VIRGINIA	SB 470 Chapter 674	Raising and processing of rabbits for sale; exemption from certain inspections	7/1/18	Signed into law 3/30/18
Relates to slaughter of rabbits				
VIRGINIA	SB 571 Chapter 678	Releasing agencies; notice of dangerous animal ; civil penalty	7/1/18	Signed into law 3/30/18
Requires releasing agency, animal control officer, law-enforcement officer, or humane investigator that takes custody of a dog or cat to ask and document if it bit a person or other animal, with the circumstances and date to be displayed upon adoption, return to owner, or transfer to another agency				
WASHINGTON	HB 2822 Chapter 176	Concerning service animals	1/1/19	Signed into law 3/22/18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limits service animal to dog or miniature horse for provisions other than housing accommodations and real estate transactions, includes psychiatric and intellectual disabilities, requires work to be directly related to disability and gives examples and excludes crime deterrent effects and emotional support and well-being Removes exemption of food establishments regarding dog guide or service animals Creates civil infraction of misrepresentation of an animal as service animal by expressly or impliedly representing it as service animal for special rights or privileges when they knew it wasn't; Maximum penalty: \$500 Allows enforcement officer to ask if the animal is required due to a disability and what work it is trained to perform (if not readily apparent) and issue a civil infraction and require removing animal from premises for refusal to answer or failing the questions Requires place of public accommodation to change policies and procedures to allow miniature horses used as service animals to extent allowed by other laws Repeals unfair practices involving dog guides or service animals 				
WASHINGTON	SB 6369 Chapter 281	Concerning certificates of veterinary inspection for animals brought into the state	6/7/18	Signed into law 3/27/18
Removes exemption from certificate of veterinary inspection for import if transferred to approved and inspected feed lot for slaughter				
WEST VIRGINIA	HB 2995 Chapter 180	Permitting certain animal euthanasia technicians who have been certified by other states be certified animal euthanasia technicians in West Virginia	6/8/18	Signed into law 3/21/18
Adds animal euthanasia technicians that are certified by other states with requirements equivalent to West Virginia may be issued a certification if they submit an application and appropriate fees				

WEST VIRGINIA	SB 236/SB 237 Chapter 146	Racing Commission rule relating to thoroughbred racing	3/6/18	Signed into law 3/6/18
Adopts Racing Commission rule relating to thoroughbred racing				
WEST VIRGINIA	HB 4079 Chapter 147 HB 4051, HB 4052, HB 4053, HB 4078, HB 4083, SB 190, SB 186, SB 191, SB 218, SB 219, SB 220	Commissioner of Agriculture, rule relating to West Virginia apiary law	3/9/18	HB 4079: Signed into law 3/20/18
Adopts Agriculture rule concerning apiaries				
WISCONSIN	AB 522 SB 435 2017 Act 166	Relating to: the rendering of first aid to animals by emergency medical technicians or first responders.	3/27/18	Signed into law 3/26/18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows EMT or first responder responding to call to provide first aid to a domestic animal before transport to veterinarian if similar to what they are trained to do for humans; makes immune from civil or criminal liability for providing or not providing such care • Adds that EMS Board shall serve as repository and contact for guidance on rendering first aid to domestic animals in consultation with veterinarian trained in emergency care 				
WISCONSIN	AB 711 2017 Act 245 SB 633	Relating to: required tags for a dog hunting bear or wolf.	4/4/18	Signed into law 4/3/18
Repeals provision requiring rabies tag when hunting bear or wolf				
WISCONSIN 2017 Act 228	AB 475 2017 Act 228 SB 386	Relating to: lighting requirements for animal-drawn vehicles operated on highways.	4/4/18	Signed into law 4/3/18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires lighting for animal-drawn vehicles during inclement weather as well instead of just darkness • Removes requirement for lamp or lantern • Requires two 2 yellow or amber strobe lights in rear that shall be no more than 6" from extremities • Only allows a warning notice for the first 6 months after enactment 				

WISCONSIN	AB 765 SB 667 2017 Act 210	Relating to: administration of the livestock premises registration program and making an appropriation	4/4/18	Signed into law 4/3/18
Grants additional \$100,000 appropriation for livestock premises program				