

UAPPEAL

GENERAL ANIMAL LEGISLATION THAT BECAME LAW IN 2021

ALABAMA	HB 58 Act 2021-66	Veterinary Medical Examiners, State Board of, sunset law review, continued until Oct 1, 2025.	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 3/8/21
AFFECTED: Veterinary Medical Examiners SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: Extends Board				
Continues State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners until 10/1/25				
ALABAMA	HB 235 Act 2021-474	Animals, dogs, allowing a pet dog in an outdoor dining area under certain conditions	Effective 8/1/21	Signed into law 5/20/21
AFFECTED: Dog owners, restaurants SPECIES: Pet Dogs CLASSIFICATION: Legalizes – Outdoor Dining				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows pet dogs in outdoor dining areas if: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Food service establishment owner files waiver with Health Department 2. Separate outdoor entrance 3. Sign posted stating dogs allowed 4. Dog is not on chairs, benches, seats or fixtures 5. Area NOT used for food preparation or utensil storage 6. Area is 12'+ from bar or beverage preparation area 7. Beverages refilled from pitcher or another container at table with dog 8. Area is maintained, cleaned, and sanitized 9. Dog is leashed or in pet carrier and under control of owner 10. Food establishment complies with sidewalk, public nuisance and sanitation ordinances • Food service employees must NOT have direct contact with dogs while on duty or must wash hands • Dog owner is liable for any damages • Bans live animals inside establishments, including emotional support animals, except under FDA regulations and service dogs and law enforcement dogs • Prohibits state/local health department from serving wine or beer for food establishment that allows outdoor dogs and at dog parks if they meet the retail license requirements 				

ALABAMA	HB 577 Act 2021-310	Clay Co., animal control authority created, to provide animal control shelter in county for dogs, cats, and other domestic animals	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 4/29/21
AFFECTED: Clay County SPECIES: Dogs and cats CLASSIFICATION: Creates Animal Control				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates Clay County Animal Shelter Authority to provide animal control for dogs and cats Creates 10 resident member board of directors Allows authority to enter into contracts to operate a county pound or animal shelter and receive contributions, grants, services and supplies needed for animal control services 				
ARIZONA	HB2483 Chapter 366	animal ownership; possession; prohibition	Effective 90 days after adj	Signed into law 5/19/21
AFFECTED: Those Convicted of listed crime SPECIES: Dog or cat CLASSIFICATION: Ban – Ownership for Violation				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bans those convicted of the following from owning, possessing, adopting, fostering or residing with a dog or cat in their household: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intentionally or knowingly neglects or abandons including leading to serious injury, fails to provide medical attention, inflicts unnecessary physical injury, leaves unattended and confined in motor vehicle where injury or death likely, cruelly mistreats, allows dog to kill or injure service animal, allows cruel mistreatment of domestic animals, or kills domestic animal without consent of owner Recklessly submits animal to cruel mistreatment Animal fighting Bestiality Bans ownership for 5 years for 1st misdemeanor, 10 years for 1st felony or subsequent misdemeanor conviction, life for subsequent felony conviction Requires dogs and cats be transferred out of household within 30 days of prohibition May apply to have dogs and cats again 1 year after misdemeanor and 2.5 years after felony to the judge that imposed it or successor and hearing must be within 60 days but applicant needs a psychological evaluation or therapy Allows ending prohibition of dogs and cats if not a danger to self, the animal's family and public, able to care for them and has completed all classes or therapy Allows applying to court for exemption for those that live in household with dogs and cats good for up to 1 year if on probation, community supervision or parole, if in best interest of dog or cat and owner and agrees to not contact, care for or take custody of dog or cat 				
ARIZONA	HB2484 Chapter 35	animal fighting paraphernalia; offense	Effective 90 days after adj	Signed into law 2/24/21
AFFECTED: Animal Fighters SPECIES: Animals CLASSIFICATION: Ban – Animal Fighting Paraphernalia				
Bans owning, possessing, purchasing, selling, transferring and manufacturing animal fighting paraphernalia for animal fighting or cockfighting with Class 1 misdemeanor penalty				

ARKANSAS	HB1099 Act 130	To Authorize the Veterinary Medical Examining Board to Promulgate Rules Regarding Telehealth and Telemedicine and to Issue Restricted Licenses for Veterinarians	Effective 90 days after adj	Signed into law 2/23/21
AFFECTED: Veterinarians SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: New Care Methods, Revises Permits, New permit				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows Veterinary Medical Examining Board to create rules allowing telehealth and telemedicine • Director instead of Secretary-Treasurer now issues temporary vet permits, investigate violations, and collects fines • License expiration now requires only written notice not a mailed notice • Allows vet to email client in cases of abandonment before disposing of animal • Allows issuing restricted license to those who graduated from vet school but did not pass North American Veterinary Licensing Examination to practice under supervision of vet if they submit an application and fee, have letter of recommendation and are scheduled for next exam • If restricted license holder fails, they must resubmit the same information • Restricted licenses expire day after exam results and may only be issued 3 times and are switched to unrestricted license after passing the exam • Restricted licenses are prohibited for US Drug Enforcement Administration or US APHIS veterinarian 				
ARKANSAS	HB1126 Act 16	AN ACT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE TREASURER OF STATE - ANIMAL RESCUE SHELTERS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR.	Effective 7/1/21	Signed into law 1/28/21
AFFECTED: Animal Shelters SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: Appropriation				
Appropriates \$25,000 each for city and county animal rescue shelters for the year ending 6/30/22				
ARKANSAS	HB1142 Act 131	TO RECOGNIZE ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION OF LIVESTOCK AND ANIMALS AS A ROUTINE ANIMAL HUSBANDRY PRACTICE.	Effective 90 days after adj	Signed into law 2/23/21
AFFECTED: All SPECIES: Livestock and animals CLASSIFICATION: Redefines as routine practice				
Classifies artificial insemination of livestock and animals as a routine animal husbandry practice				

ARKANSAS	HB1152 Act 790	TO CREATE GABO'S LAW; TO ALLOW FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE TO BE PROVIDED TO INJURED POLICE DOGS; AND TO PROVIDE IMMUNITY.	Effective 90 days after adj	Signed into law 4/20/21
AFFECTED: Police, EMS SPECIES: Police Dogs CLASSIFICATION: Legalizes EMS transport				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creates Gabo's Law • Exempts EMS personnel or provider transporting injured police dog from needing veterinary license • Allows EMS personnel or provider to transport police dog injured during course of its work to a veterinary hospital or clinic if no patients need transported at that time • Allows EMS to provide emergency care during transport including opening airway, giving mouth-to-snout, giving oxygen, managing ventilation by mask, direct pressure to control hemorrhage, immobilizing fractures, bandaging, and administering naloxone hydrochloride (if authorized by written vet protocol), euthanasia • EMS provider is not liable for transport or emergency service costs, civil or criminal lawsuits, and veterinary expenses • Allows EMS to require officer to accompany dog • Allows restitution for transport and care by the person who injured the dog • Requires transporting any patients in need first AND does not require EMS to provide transport 				
ARKANSAS	HB1196 Act 970	TO PROVIDE A SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION FOR WATER USED BY A POULTRY FARM; AND TO REQUIRE THE ADOPTION OF RELATED RULES.	Effective 1 st day of 4 th quarter	Signed into law 4/27/21
AFFECTED: Poultry Farm SPECIES: Poultry CLASSIFICATION: Sales & Use Tax Exemption				
Exempts water used by poultry farm from sales and use tax and requires it to be separately metered – allows utility company to require certificate from owner				
ARKANSAS	HB1268 Act 390	TO CLARIFY THE EXEMPTION TO LICENSURE BY THE VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD FOR CHIROPRACTORS PERFORMING CHIROPRACTIC UPON ANIMALS.	Effective 90 days after adj	Signed into law 3/17/21
AFFECTED: Chiropractors SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: Expands Exemption				
Exempts animal chiropractors with license from other than Veterinary Medical Examining Board				

ARKANSAS	HB1497 Act 824	EXPANDING THE PERMITTED USE OF A CERTIFIED FACILITY DOG FOR VULNERABLE WITNESSES.	Effective 90 days after adj	Signed into law 4/21/21
AFFECTED: Courts; Witnesses SPECIES: Certified Facility Dogs CLASSIFICATION: Expands Use of Facility Dog				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expands certified facility dogs to include vulnerable witnesses (person testifying with intellectual or developmental disability or significant cognitive impairment from brain injury or progressively deteriorating neurological condition) • Redefines certified facility dog to from an organization that sets highest standards of training and placement for assistance dogs and their handlers and demonstrates continued proficiency in safe and reliable services, specifically selected to provide services in legal system to provide companionship to child witness or vulnerable witness during proceedings and passed public access test if required by organization • Certified handler must be from organization accredited by Assistance Dogs International or similar familiar with protocols of courts and expected roles of the certified facility dog team • Defines intellectual and developmental disability • Facility dogs must be able to attend at witness stand without leash and must lie out of view • Facility dogs are allowed in courthouse; locations where services, administrative activities, community outreach and training are provided; where law enforcement request their presence; location where criminal justice system matter occur; and the following facilities: children’s advocacy center, school, daycare, law enforcement agency, prosecuting attorney’s office, medical facility, specialty court, and court-appointed special advocates and guardian ad litem offices • Facility dog handlers may be required to have ID from organization that trained it 				
ARKANSAS	HB1636 Act 692	TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING FERAL HOGS.	Effective 90 days after adj	Signed into law 4/13/21
AFFECTED: All SPECIES: Feral Hogs CLASSIFICATION: Amends Law				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deems feral hogs imminent threat to public health and safety • Allows hunters with revoked license to take feral hogs on own property • Moves provision allows release of feral hogs for research or tracking • Expands ban on feral hogs to include those who unknowingly commit such acts 				

ARKANSAS	HB1883 Act 1091	THE WORKING ANIMAL PROTECTION ACT.	Effective 90 days after adj	Signed into law 4/30/21
<p>AFFECTED: Owners and handlers SPECIES: Working Animals except poultry, swine, dairy cows, beef cattle, sheep or goats CLASSIFICATION: Guarantees right to use animal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defines working animals as those that perform specific duty in commerce or animal enterprise • Guarantees right to use working animal for benefit and welfare of animal or owner • Prohibits municipality from banning, terminating or creating undue hardship on use of working animal or animal enterprise in commerce, service, legal hunting, agriculture, husbandry, transportation, ranching, entertainment, education or exhibition • Does NOT limit animal care, public health and public safety laws or limit a municipality from enacting one • Does NOT supersede any zoning law 				
ARKANSAS	HB1920 Act 1076	TO ESTABLISH A PROCESS FOR REVIEW AND A SUNSET DATE FOR STATE AGENCY RULES PERTAINING TO MILK AND CATTLE PRODUCTION.	Effective 9/1/21	Signed into law 4/30/21
<p>AFFECTED: Cattle and Milk Producers SPECIES: Cattle CLASSIFICATION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires review of all milk and cattle production rules, except those solely for waste management, by 12/1/21 with the initial date, effective date, authority and if required by state/federal law • Requires final rule by 9/1/22 with a list of all rules to continue and those to repeal, date of the 1st report, and justification for each rule being kept or repealed • Final reports are to be sent to Senate and House Committees on Agriculture, Forestry & Economic Development which shall meet by 11/30/22 to consider the rules being kept or repealed, allow agency to speak about it at interim meeting and recommend to Legislative Council whether to accept or deny it • Requires report to be updated for any rule changes before decision reached • Requires Legislative Council to make decision by 12/31/22 and creates sunset date of 12/31/22 for any repealed rules 				
COLORADO	HB21-1160	Care Of Dogs And Cats In Pet Animal Facilities	Effective 90 days after adj	Signed into law 5/21/21 -
<p>AFFECTED: Pet Animal Facilities SPECIES: Dogs, Cats CLASSIFICATION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Declares homeless dogs and cats other than unsocialized cats deserve appropriate shelter, care and enrichment by shelters and pet animal rescues • Requires such shelters and rescues to provide timely veterinary care to prevent and address pain and suffering, house such animals to address behavioral needs of each and house to prevent stereotypical or self-mutilating behavior • Prohibits importing dog or cat for sale by pet animal facility except with certificate of veterinary inspection and rabies certificate (if over 6 months) 				

GEORGIA	HB 574 Act 278	Animals; Companion Local Government Animal Trust Fund for reimbursement of impoundment expenses incurred by local governments; provide	Effective 7/1/21	Signed into law 5/10/21
AFFECTED: Kennels, animal shelters, pet dealers, stables SPECIES: Companion Animals CLASSIFICATION: New Fund				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deletes provision allowing commissioner to set fees for kennels, animal shelters, pet dealers and stables Renews the license fees starting 7/1/21 to 6/30/31 with up to \$50,000 of fees to go to the Local Government Companion Animal Trust Fund that may not total over \$200,000 Establishes the Local Government Companion Animal Trust Fund to be used to reimburse expenses of local governments impounding over 29 dogs or cats or over 9 equines for an investigation for violation of the law related to kennels, animal shelters, pet dealers and stables, violation related to cruelty to animals or violations relating to dogfighting Report of Fund must be sent to House and Senate Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs annually by Feb 1 \$10,000 of funds must be kept for administration costs 				
HAWAII	HB156 Act 4	RELATING TO ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES.	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 4/14/21
AFFECTED: Kauai County SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: Repeals Contract				
Repeals the contract solely between the County of Kauai and the Kauai Humane Society to provide animal control services				
IDAHO	H0064 SL Chapter 40	Veterinary practice act	Effective 7/1/21	Signed into law 3/12/21
AFFECTED: Veterinarians SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: Revises Law				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deletes definition of immediate supervision Makes gender neutral Increases veterinary board terms to 5 years with filling vacancies not counting toward the term limit Deletes the 1-year statute of limitation for filing complaints against veterinarians Creates new procedure for license application for veterinarians: score 90%+ on state jurisprudence examination AND fill out application with notarized signature that affirms applicant is at least 21 years old, all information is true, and has always been in good standing with state of any prior vet license Allows hearing if denied vet license Creates procedure for obtaining a vet license by endorsement for those that are active duty or former member of military that had an active vet license in another state for 3 years: apply for license by endorsement; have degree in veterinary medicine or completed AVMA foreign vet graduate program or equivalent of American association of veterinary state boards; passing national exam scores; written license verification Those who does not qualify for vet license by endorsement need to submit: Passing scores of 90+ on national exam AND copy of diploma or transcript showing degree of veterinary medicine, a letter showing graduation or ECFVG certificate Those who take national exam by 11/1/2000 and not passed CCT may provide from licensing board of their state: verification of 5 years continuous practice along with verification of no disciplinary action in last 5 years – vet practices limited to those of the other state Allows board to set expiration date of licenses and requires renewal within 30 days of such date or the license will lapse 				

INDIANA	SB 53	Testing and reporting of diseased animals.	Effective 7/1/21	Signed into law 4/1/21
AFFECTED: Owners, caregivers, animal health professional SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: Revises Law for Reporting Disease				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replaces requirement for veterinarian to report dangerous or contagious disease to state veterinarian within 48 hours • Adds definition for animal health professional – individual, entity or organization with training in diagnosis of animal diseases or pests in livestock including vet, biomedical researcher, public health official, trained technician, zoo personnel, wildlife personnel • Adds owners to those that must report disease; replaces dangerous, infectious or contagious disease with “disease or condition declared reportable by board”; decreases reporting time from 48 hours to 24 hours • Requires lab or animal health professional to report to state vet on diseases declared reportable with test performed and results and a 2nd positive diagnosis within 24 hours after a positive diagnosis • Allows electronic mail for notices 				
IOWA	HF 552	A bill for an act relating to requirements for using a dog to track a wounded deer.	Effective 7/1/21	Signed into law 4/12/21
AFFECTED: Hunters; Dog Handlers SPECIES: Dogs; Deer CLASSIFICATION: Revises Requirements				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removes requirement that dogs tracking wounded deer be trained in deer blood tracking • Exempts unarmed dog handlers assisting in tracking wounded deer from needing hunting license if associated with hunter • Clarifies that only the hunter may dispatch the wounded deer and that methods must be allowed for that season 				
KENTUCKY	HB 229 Act Chapter 50	AN ACT relating to the protection of livestock.	Effective 90 days after adj	Signed into law 3/19/21
AFFECTED: Owners SPECIES: Livestock; Poultry CLASSIFICATION: Defines as Property				
Includes livestock and poultry in the definition of property relating to criminal damage to property				
MAINE	HP 32 Chapter 64	An Act To Improve Livestock and Poultry Preparation	Effective 90 days after adj	Signed into law 5/25/21
AFFECTED: All SPECIES: Livestock; Amenable Exotic Species CLASSIFICATION: Revises Slaughter Laws				
Revises law regarding slaughter of livestock and amenable exotic species				
MAINE	SP 71 Chapter 83	An Act To Amend the Procedures for Veterinarians in the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program	Effective 90 days after adj	Signed into law 5/25/21
AFFECTED: Veterinarians SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: Extends date				
Extends timeline for veterinarians for prescribing a benzodiazepine or opioid electronically to 7/1/25 or until an electronic platform is widely available to vets if it is before 7/1/25				

MARYLAND	HB0186 Chapter 181 SB0007 Chapter 182	Courts - Court Dog Program - Veterans Treatment Courts	Effective 10/1/21	Signed into law 5/18/21
AFFECTED: Courts SPECIES: Court Dogs CLASSIFICATION: Expands Program				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renames Court Dog and Child Witness Program as the Court Dog Program • Defines veterans and veterans treatment court • Expands court dog program to include county district courts with a veterans treatment court program • Expands purpose of program to include providing therapy or facility dog to veterans in a circuit or district court with veterans treatment court program including for status review with judge or magistrate, attorney meeting or probation, pretrial, court case manager meeting 				
MARYLAND	HB0234 Chapter 178 SB0607 Chapter 179	Criminal Law - Harm to Service Animals	Effective 10/1/21	Signed into law 5/18/21
AFFECTED: All SPECIES: Service Animals CLASSIFICATION: Ban – Harming Service Animals				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prohibits willfully and maliciously killing, injuring or interfering with a service animal or allowing their animal to do so • Penalty is misdemeanor with 2 years' imprisonment and/or fine up to \$2500 for killing or injuring a service animal AND a misdemeanor of 1 year imprisonment and/or \$1000 fine for interfering with a service animal • Allows court to order restitution for damages including value of service animal, replacement and training expenses, veterinary and other medical and boarding expenses, handler medical expenses and lost income for handler for not having service animal • Adds exemptions for customary veterinary and agricultural husbandry practices, research, activities causing unavoidable pain including pest control and training, and normal activities where pain is incidental and unavoidable • Defines service animal 				
MARYLAND	HB0281 Chapter 226 SB0159 Chapter 227	Local Government - Humane Society and Animal Control Officers - Education and Training Requirements	Effective 10/1/21	Signed into law 5/18/21
AFFECTED: Humane Society or Animal Control Officers SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: New Training Requirement				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires humane society or animal control officers of a county or municipality to have 80 hours of animal care and control training within 12 months of employment • Training must include animal cruelty investigations, association between animal abuse and elder abuse or domestic violence, use of legal resources, law search and seizure, professionalism and ethics, evidence collection and chain of custody, preparing for civil and criminal proceedings, conflict resolution and officer safety, and animal diseases • Allows county or municipality to require additional training • Requires 6 hours of continuing education each year including current laws 				

MARYLAND	HB0563 Chapter 309 SB0338 Chapter 310	Local Government – Animal Control Facilities – Adoption Fee Waiver for Veterans (Pets for Vets Act of 2021)	Effective 10/1/21	Signed into law 5/18/21
AFFECTED: Veterans, Animal Control Facilities SPECIES: Dog; Cat CLASSIFICATION: Adoption Fee Exemption				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires animal control facility to waive the adoption fee for dogs or cats for veterans with valid ID showing veteran status • Allows limiting adoptions to 1 dog and 1 cat per 6 months per person 				
MARYLAND	HB0660 Chapter 307 SB0284 Chapter 308	Maryland Veterans Service Animal Program - Definitions	Effective 10/1/21	Signed into law 5/18/21
AFFECTED: Veterans; Handlers SPECIES: Service and support dog, therapy horse CLASSIFICATION: Adds Definitions				
Defines service dog (dog individually trained to do work for benefit of individual with a disability), support dog (emotional support or therapy dog that medical professional provides benefit for individual with sensory, psychiatric, intellectual or other mental disability) and therapy horse (horse appropriate for interactions with veterans in a PATH, Intl. premier member or has EAGALA certified professionals) regarding the Maryland Veterans Service Animal Program				

MINNESOTA	SF 958 Chapter 28	A bill for an act relating to state government; establishing a budget for the Department of Agriculture, the Board of Animal Health, and the Agricultural Utilization Research Institute; transferring money to the border-to-border broadband fund account; making policy and technical changes to various provisions related to agriculture; modifying fees; creating accounts; creating a biofuels program and advisory committee; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, sections 18B.26, subdivision 3; 28A.08, by adding a subdivision; 28A.09, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 41A.	Effective 3/31/21, 5/26/21, 8/1/21	Signed into law 5/25/21
AFFECTED: Various SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: Various Revisions				
<p>Various changes including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires commissioner to submit annual report by Dec 15 to chairs and ranking minority to House and Senate committees and divisions with authority over agriculture, environment and natural resources – must include: all payments in prior 5 years, total revenue by funding, and how each is used in expenditures • Exempts Agriculture from the prohibition of using funds for salary of public representative as long as not elected official or candidate for public office • Exempts those who use general use sanitizer or disinfectant for hire for COVID from commercial pesticide applicator license requirements (Effective 3/31/21) • Exempts those who make home-processed pet treats from the cottage food producer inspections if registered with commission, not a potentially hazardous food and is safe for human consumption and the species intended, baked or dehydrated, and display a sign saying homemade and not subject to inspection – allows them to create business entity – increases total sales to \$78,000 which may be adjusted in 1/1/22 – requires registration to be accepted in 30 days or automatically accepted – requires safe food handling course for all exempt along with exam before registration 				
MONTANA	HB 641 Chapter 415	Revise search and rescue dog training laws	Effective 10/1/21	Signed into law 5/7/21
AFFECTED: Search and rescue dog handlers SPECIES: Search and rescue dogs CLASSIFICATION: Revises Training; New Fund				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows search and rescue unit recognized by county to have human remains to train the dogs if inventory is kept updated and policies and procedures are adopted • Creates a state fund for county search and rescue unit training and support • Allows county search and rescue unit or state or county law enforcement search and rescue canines to receive anatomical gifts for training and allows coroner or sheriff to transfer to another county if that county does not have a search and rescue unit 				

Updated 6/1/2021

MONTANA	SR 63	Confirm Governor's appointees to the Board of Livestock		Adopted 2/20/21
AFFECTED: Board of Livestock SPECIES: Livestock CLASSIFICATION: Confirms Board Appointments				
Confirms 2 Governor appointments to the Board of Livestock				
MONTANA	SR 66	Confirm Governor's appointees to the Livestock Loss Board		Adopted 2/20/21
AFFECTED: Livestock Loss Board SPECIES: Livestock CLASSIFICATION: Confirms Board Appointments				
Confirms 3 Governor appointments to Livestock Loss Board for term ending 2025				
MONTANA	SR 70	Confirm Governor's appointee to the Board of Veterinary Medicine		Adopted 2/20/21
AFFECTED: Board of Veterinary Medicine SPECIES: Livestock CLASSIFICATION: Confirms Board Appointments				
Confirms 3 Governor appointments to the Board of Veterinary Medicine				
NEBRASKA	LB252	Provide for refills of veterinary drug orders by veterinary drug distributors	Effective 3 months after adj	Signed into law 4/14/21
AFFECTED: Veterinary Drug Distributors SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows veterinary drug distributors to refill and distribute a veterinary legend drug with an order issued after the effective date without prescriber's signature if prescriber is deceased and animal needs it for its health, safety or welfare • Limits prescription quantity to amount needed to maintain its health and welfare until a new vet is found but not longer than 30 days • Prohibits refilling drug if order states no emergency refills are authorized • Excludes controlled substances • Does NOT require a veterinary drug distributor to refill drugs and they are not liable for damages except for gross negligence 				
NEBRASKA	LB572	Change provisions of the Livestock Brand Act	Effective 3 months after adj	Signed into law 5/25/21
AFFECTED: All SPECIES: Livestock CLASSIFICATION: Revises Law				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adds definitions for "approved nonvisual identifier" "certified bill of sale" "certified transportation permit" "electronic inspection" "enrollment" "physical inspection" and "qualified dairy" • Revises several other sections 				

NEVADA	SB112 Chapter 162	Exempts certain products for the treatment of domestic animals from regulation under state law.	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 5/27/21
AFFECTED: SPECIES: Domestic Animals CLASSIFICATION:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exempts veterinary biologic products licensed for production under US Veterinary Biological Product License that is directly marketed by manufacturing facility under US Veterinary Biologics Establishment License for administration to livestock from the following: Chapter 639 Pharmacists and Pharmacies, Chapter 453 Controlled Substances, Chapter 454 Poisons; Dangerous Drugs and Hypodermics, Chapter 585 Food, Drugs and Cosmetics: Adulteration; Labels; Brands 				
NEW JERSEY	S975 Chapter 83	Establishes trunk fighting as animal cruelty offense and crime of the third degree.	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 5/11/21
AFFECTED: All SPECIES: Animals CLASSIFICATION: Ban – Trunk Fighting				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bans engaging or facilitating trunk fighting by putting two or more animals in the trunk or other part of vehicle to fight each other – penalty is 3rd degree crime Adds trunk fighting to the animal cruelty laws 				
NORTH DAKOTA	HB 1230	A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 25-13-01.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the definition of a service animal.	Effective 8/1/21	Signed into law 3/22/21
AFFECTED: Owners, Handlers SPECIES: Service Animals CLASSIFICATION: Revises Definition				
Amends definition of service animal to include only dogs and removes dogs trained to provide protective services				
NORTH DAKOTA	SB 2054	A Bill for and Act to amend and reenact section 4.1-27-19 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to refusal or revocation of a license to operate a livestock auction market; and to repeal chapter 4.1-88 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to wool dealers.	Effective 8/1/21	Signed into law 4/12/21
AFFECTED: Wool Dealers SPECIES: Livestock CLASSIFICATION: Repeals Law				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repeals 4.1-88 Wool Dealers Removes wool dealer law references as grounds for refusing or revoking livestock auction market license 				

NORTH DAKOTA	SB 2216	A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subdivision d of subsection 1 of section 58-03-11.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the definition of location for animal feeding operations.	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 4/12/21
AFFECTED: Animal Feeding Operations SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: Revises Definition				
Revises definition for location of animal feeding operation to state that it is for land zoned as a residential, recreational or commercial zoning district (former law said purpose)				
OKLAHOMA	HB1620	Animals; guaranteeing the right to utilize working animals; effective date.	Effective 11/1/21	Signed into law 5/10/21
AFFECTED: Agritourism Entities SPECIES: Livestock, Poultry, Working Animals CLASSIFICATION: Protects Right				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Declares agritourism activities a protected right that cannot be banned by counties, municipalities, state agencies or political subdivisions if done in lawful manner under Oklahoma Horse Racing Act and in compliance with health and safety zoning requirements and regulations • Defines agritourism activity as using livestock or poultry for entertainment or educational purposes – includes horseback riding, horse-drawn carriage rides, livestock and poultry shows, petting farms, rodeos and historical activities that use working animals BUT does NOT include cockfighting or fighting dogs 				
OKLAHOMA	HB1816	Rescue animals; designating and adopting the rescue animal as the state pet; effective date.	Effective 11/1/21	Signed into law 4/26/21
AFFECTED: N/A SPECIES: Rescue Animals CLASSIFICATION: Official State Pet				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creates Cali's Law - Declares the rescue animal the official state pet • Defines rescue animal as companion animal adopted from shelter under Commercial Pet Breeders and Animal Shelter Licensing Act OR an animal welfare or rescue organization adopts or houses companion animals to find permanent homes or provide lifelong care 				
OKLAHOMA	SB775	Livestock; authorizing the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry to create the Livestock Offender Registry. Effective date.	Effective 11/1/21	Signed into law 4/21/21
AFFECTED: Offenders, Public SPECIES: Livestock CLASSIFICATION: Offender Registry				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creates Livestock Offender Registry for those that commit larceny of livestock or implements of husbandry – makes it accessible to public • Allows department to use statewide livestock organization to help create and maintain it • Amends the larceny of livestock or implements of husbandry section to state that those who violate it shall be registered in the Livestock Offender Registry AND requires county to submit certified copy of judgement and sentencing confirming violation to the Department or the statewide livestock organization as designated 				

SOUTH CAROLINA	H. 3071	A Joint Resolution to Create the “Equine Industry Support Measures Study Committee” to Examine the Potential for Further Growth of the Equine Industry in This State and the Resulting Economic Impact	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 4/12/21
AFFECTED: Equine Industry SPECIES: Equine CLASSIFICATION: Creates Study Committee				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates Equine Industry Support Measures Study Committee with 2 House members, 2 Senate members, 2 equine members and the Commissioner of Agriculture Requires committee to study 1) economic impact of equine industry, 2) potential for business growth and possible steps including equine therapy, 4H, FFA, 3) what barriers there are to growth and how to eliminate them, 4) comparing barriers to other SE states and nationally, 5) whether to cooperate with equine facilities in nearby states, 6) other important issues Requires committee to select chair and vicechair Requires report of findings and recommendations by 2/15/22 which may not include tax or fee increase Dissolves committee after report filed 				
SOUTH CAROLINA	H. 3539	A Bill to Amend the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, By Adding Section 47-9-55 so as to Prohibit the Transportation of Live Swine on a Public Road or Waterway without an Official Form of Identification, and to Provide an Exception and Penalties; To Amend Section 50-16-25, Relating to the Unlawful Release of Pigs, so as to Provide That it is Unlawful to Transport a Live Member of the Family Suidae Taken from the Wild; And to Repeal Section 50-9-655 Relating to Pig Transport and Release Permits.	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 5/17/21
AFFECTED: All SPECIES: Family Suidae CLASSIFICATION: Expands Ban				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revises prohibitions regarding Suidae to ban import, possess, buy, sell, offer for sale, transfer, or transport of live Suidae taken from the wild along with all release of live Suidae into the wild with each pig in violation a separate offense Allows seizure and destruction of any pig in violation 				
SOUTH DAKOTA	SB 52	revise the permit duration on certain concentrated animal feeding operations.	Effective 90 days after adj	Signed into law 2/24/21
AFFECTED: Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: Expands Permit Duration				
Allows secretary to issue permit to discharge waste into surface water and general permit for water pollution control for up to 10 years for concentrated animal feeding operation not required to have a permit as of 1/1/21				

SOUTH DAKOTA	SB 72	revise notification requirements for listing and delisting species on the threatened and endangered species list.	Effective 90 days after adj	Signed into law 3/8/21
AFFECTED: All SPECIES: Endangered/Threatened Species CLASSIFICATION: Classification Process Change				
Requires promulgating a rule to add or remove species on the threatened and endangered species list as opposed to just having a 30-day publication				
SOUTH DAKOTA	SB 99	authorize the Department of Agriculture to contract for the construction of a livestock and equestrian complex at the State Fair, to make an appropriation therefor, and to declare an emergency.	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 3/21/21
AFFECTED: State Fair SPECIES: Livestock, Equine CLASSIFICATION: Contract for Complex				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows Department to contract for construction of livestock and equestrian complex at State Fair for a cost up to \$20 million • Appropriates \$12 million from general fund and \$8 million in other fund expenditures • Allows adjusting costs for inflation in Building Cost Index up to 120% of original estimate • Allows Department to accept funds from federal sources or donations • Allows demolishing Open Class Sheep Barn • Design and construction shall be under Bureau of Administration • Requires Department Secretary to approve vouchers and state auditor to draw warrants to pay expenditures • Provides procedure for unused funds 				
TENNESSEE	SB 43 Pub. Ch. 10	Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the board of veterinary medical examiners to June 30, 2026	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 3/23/21
AFFECTED: Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: Extends Sunset Law				
Extends Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to 6/30/2026				
TENNESSEE	SB 166	Animal Cruelty and Abuse - As introduced, states that a person commits aggravated cruelty to animals if the person, with no justifiable purpose, intentionally or knowingly kills, maims, tortures, crushes, burns, drowns, suffocates, mutilates, starves, or otherwise causes serious injury to a companion animal. - Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 14, Part 2.	Effective 7/1/21	Signed into law 5/27
AFFECTED: All SPECIES: Companion Animals CLASSIFICATION: New Animal Abuse Law				
Adds intentionally or knowingly killing, maiming, torturing, crushing, burning, drowning, suffocating, mutilating, starving, or otherwise causing serious injury to a companion animal with no justifiable purpose to aggravated cruelty to animals				

TEXAS	HB 604	Relating to a microchip scan of animals in the custody of an animal shelter or releasing agency, including an animal rescue organization.	Effective 9/1/21	Signed into law 5/26/21
AFFECTED: Animal Shelter, Releasing Agency SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: Requires chip scan				
Requires animal shelters, releasing agencies and rescue organizations to scan animals for microchip as soon as possible after placed in their custody				
UTAH	H.B. 163 SL Chapter 126	Agricultural Advisory Board Amendments	Effective 5/5/21	Signed into law 3/16/21
AFFECTED: SPECIES: CLASSIFICATION:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revises Membership of Agricultural Advisory Board (representing the following): dean of College of Agriculture and Applied Science from Utah State University, 2 associations representing interests of farmers, 1 cattlemen, 1 wool grower, 1 dairy, 1 pork producer, 1 egg and poultry producer, 1 veterinarian, 1 livestock auction, 1 association representing conservation district, 1 Utah horse industry, 1 food processing industry, 1 fruit and vegetable industry, 1 turkey industry, 1 manufacturer of food supplements, 1 consumer affairs group, 1 urban and small farmers, 1 association representing elk breeders, 1 association representing beekeepers, 1 fur breeder • Removes horse tripping from its duties • Board now only meets twice a year • Creates Executive Committee for the Agricultural Advisory Board comprised of the 2 associations representing interests of farmers and the 1 association representing conservation district, and 4 members selected by the executive committee (initially from commissioner) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Creates 4-year terms with no limit ○ Vacancies are filled in the same manner as the positions were appointed ○ Creates quorum of 4 members with majority vote ○ Committee must select chair ○ Must meet quarterly ○ Responsible for recommending fees, accepting public comment and carrying out their listed responsibilities • Assigns the following board duties to the committee: receiving notification of horse events and required information afterwards along with recommendations, providing educational information on horse tripping in conjunction with board, approve state weed committee members, approving loans, jointly receive applications for financial assistance, be consulted on before any expenditures of emergency funds 				

UTAH	H.B. 166 SL Chapter 57	Livestock Amendments	Effective 5/5/21	Signed into law 3/11/21
AFFECTED: Livestock Community SPECIES: Livestock CLASSIFICATION: Various Revisions				
<p>Makes various changes to the livestock laws:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prohibits Wildlife Board from issuing license, permit, tag or certificate of registration as a reward for helping with prosecution for wanton destruction of livestock or livestock guardian dog • Allows hearing officer to suspend a license or permit from Division of Wildlife Resources for killing or injuring a livestock guardian dog or violating the destruction of livestock section • Animal enterprise offenses: includes in property stables, livestock handling facilities, livestock watering troughs or watering facilities, and fencing or enclosures • Wanton destruction of livestock: includes domestic animals kept as assets including livestock guardian dogs (lives with and guards livestock from predators) as livestock for the ban on wanton destruction of livestock and presumes such dogs to belong to the livestock owner AND increases fines for lower valued livestock (class B misdemeanor - aggregate value not more than \$250, class A misdemeanor – not more than \$750, 3rd degree felony – if not more than \$5000) • Definitions: alphabetizes them, makes gender neutral and adds livestock guardian dog • Presumptions: presumes livestock guardian dog belongs to the owner of the livestock • Theft: Adds livestock guardian dogs so those receiving stolen dogs are civilly liable up to 3x amount of damages • Cruelty to Animals: adds livestock guardian dogs to livestock which are exempt from the cruelty laws for common husbandry practices 				
UTAH	H.B. 213 SL Chapter 257	Canine Injury Amendments	Effective 5/5/21	Signed into law 3/17/21
AFFECTED: Owners SPECIES: Dogs CLASSIFICATION: Exempts from Liability				
Dog owners are not liable for injury or death caused by a dog if it is to another animal while on the owner’s property while the dog was secured in an enclosure and the animal entered the property without consent				
UTAH	H.B. 426 SL Chapter 309	Therapy Animals Amendments	Effective 5/5/21	Signed into law 3/17/21
AFFECTED: Schools SPECIES: Therapy Animals CLASSIFICATION:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defines therapy animal (trained animal accompanied by a handler that provides comfort and affection for emotional support excluding service or support animals) • Requires schools within school district or charter school that use animal-assisted interventions with therapy animals to have a policy for handling the animals on school grounds • Requires policy to include the certification and registration requirements for the animals and handlers, guidelines when they are allowed on school grounds, notification to parents, students and faculty, and guidelines to prevent interactions with those allergic • Does not require a school to use a therapy animal 				

UTAH	S.B. 38 SL Chapter 201	K-9 Policy Requirements	Effective 5/5/21	Signed into law 3/16/21
AFFECTED: Law Enforcement SPECIES: K-9 CLASSIFICATION: Revises Liability				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revises liability exemption for K-9 officers: both dog and handler must be trained and be certified under the Law Enforcement Canine Team Certification Act, the agency must have written policy on the appropriate use of law enforcement dogs, and the dog must not violate the policy Creates Law Enforcement Canine Team Certification Act requiring annual certification of law enforcement K-9 and handlers by qualifying canine certifying agency AND requires Peace Officer Standards and Training Council to establish and maintain standards for such training and certification 				
UTAH	S.B. 104 SL Chapter 434	Tax Levy for Animal Control	Effective 7/1/21	Became law w/o signature 3/24/21
AFFECTED: Animal Control, Taxpayers SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: Tax Levy				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates new tax levy to fund animal welfare services Requires reducing levy for property tax for first year by amount needed to offset the revenue Allows 2nd to 6th class county providing animal welfare services to municipalities to levy annual tax up to 0.0002 of taxable value of property Tax shall be collected like other taxes and then deposited to county animal welfare fund Before issuing a tax levy, the county must notify municipalities of the cost of such services and total revenue expected from the tax and requires each to calculate their share of the revenue Requires county to notify State Tax Commission of all municipality names, the county's estimated revenue and the municipalities' estimated revenue Prohibits county from requiring municipality to have different animal ordinance than county for providing animal welfare services Exempts levy from maximum levy limitation 				
UTAH	S.B. 113 SL Chapter 239	Transportation Funding and Governance Amendments	Effective 5/5/21	Signed into law 3/16/21
AFFECTED: Transporters SPECIES: Livestock CLASSIFICATION: Exempts - Transport				
Exempts motor vehicles carrying livestock from having to stop at a port-of-entry				
UTAH	S.B. 114 SL Chapter 240	Animal Chiropractic Amendments	Effective 5/5/21	Signed into law 3/16/21
AFFECTED: Chiropractors SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: Removes Requirement				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes requirement that a veterinarian refer an animal to a chiropractor in order to be exempt from veterinary licensure AND requires them to be certified instead of completing a course Replaces person with individual and makes gender neutral 				

UTAH	S.B. 130 SL Chapter 244	Regulation of Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations	Effective 5/5/21	Signed into law 3/16/21
AFFECTED: Large Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations		SPECIES: Livestock	CLASSIFICATION: Regulates	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creates Large Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations Act • Defines such operation as having more than any of the following: 700 mature dairy cows, 1,000 veal calves, 1,000 other cattle, 2,500 swine 55# or more each, 10,000 swine <55#, 500 horses, 10,000 sheep or lambs, 55,000 turkeys, 30,000 laying hens or broilers (liquid manure system), 125,000 other chickens (no liquid manure system), 82,000 laying hens (no liquid manure system), 30,000 ducks (no liquid manure system), 5,000 ducks (liquid manure system) • Counties wanting to restrict such operations have until 2/1/22 to pass a land use ordinance and may consider applications before adoption • Requires such county ordinance to designate geographic areas of sufficient size to support them and establish requirements for it, disclose fees for applications and requirements, and provide administrative remedies • County may not regulate in violation of other laws • For determining geographic area, must consider 1) distance in feet from residential zone, health care facility, public area, education institution, religious institution, commercial enterprise, municipal boundary and state or county highway or road, 2) prevailing winds, 3) topography, 4) county economic benefits, 5) reasonable access to transportation, water, and power infrastructure • After review, county must designate the areas where such operations may locate based on all criteria listed and provide a map AND requires them to provide at least 1 area unless it demonstrates it is not possible due to population density or population density compared to amount of private land 				

UTAH	S.B. 147 SL Chapter 323	Confinement of Egg-laying Hens	Effective 5/5/21	Signed into law 3/17/21
<p>AFFECTED: All except</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • research, • veterinarians, • transporters, • state or county fair exhibitions, 4-H programs, or similar • slaughter • temporary animal husbandry up to 6 hours/day and 24 hours/30 days • those with less than 3000 egg-laying hens <p>SPECIES: Egg-laying Hens</p> <p>CLASSIFICATION: Ban – Cages</p>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starting 1/1/25, prohibits keeping egg-laying hens in enclosure that is not a cage-free housing system or has less than the floor space in the 2017 United Egg Producers' Animal Husbandry Guidelines for U.S. Egg-Laying Flocks: Guidelines for Cage-Free Housing • Facilities must allow inspections during business hours • Violations require written notice with description of each violation and reasonable deadline to cure it OR be imposed \$100 civil fine/notice and a possible temporary restraining order or permanent injunction • Requires Department to report to Business and Labor Interim Committee by their November 2023 meeting with updates on efforts taken to comply with it retail demand for sale of cage-free eggs 				
VERMONT	H.421 Act 38	An act relating to animal cruelty investigation response and training	Effective 7/1/21	Signed into law 5/20/21
<p>AFFECTED: Humane Officers, Owners</p> <p>SPECIES: N/A, Livestock</p> <p>CLASSIFICATION: Revises Definitions</p>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redefines humane officer as an enforcement officer or investigator employed by Office of the Attorney General or State's Attorney OR individual who is employee of humane society or municipal animal control officer who has received the required training • Redefines humane society as private, nonprofit animal care facility registered and in good standing with VT Secretary of State • Requires humane officers to complete animal cruelty response training AND authorizes them to be humane officer if employed by humane society or municipality after completing training until they are terminated • Requires Animal Cruelty Investigation Advisory Board to annually update the list of those that completed the training • Training must be developed by Animal Cruelty Investigation Advisory Board and administered by VT Criminal Justice Council • Requires all humane officers to complete the training by 12/31/23 and the Board may require a refresher course AND requires Council to provide annual list of those that took it starting 1/1/24 • Exempts livestock and poultry husbandry practices for raising, management and use from the adequate outdoor shelter requirement 				

WASHINGTON	HB0046 Chapter 39	Crime of bestiality.	Effective 7/1/21	Signed into law 3/30/21
AFFECTED: All SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: Ban - Bestiality				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creates crime of bestiality • Bans engaging in or causing or aiding another in sexual acts with an animal, using the body to sexually stimulate an animal, or visually recording sexual acts with animals for gratification – penalty is misdemeanor with up to 1 year imprisonment and/or \$1000 fine • Exempts normal husbandry, artificial insemination and veterinary medicine 				
WEST VIRGINIA	SB182 Chapter 174	Authorizing miscellaneous agencies and boards to promulgate legislative rules	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 3/22/21
AFFECTED: Various SPECIES: Various CLASSIFICATION: Adopts Agency Rules				
Adopts the following relevant rules (includes SB 185, SB 195):				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • animal disease control • inspection of meat and poultry • poultry litter and manure movement into primary poultry breeder rearing areas • WV-exempted dairy farms and milk and milk products processing rules • livestock care standards 				
WEST VIRGINIA	SB 359 Chapter 267	Informing landowners when fencing that may contain livestock is damaged due to accident	Effective 7/8/21	Signed into law 4/21/21
AFFECTED: Agencies, Owners SPECIES: Livestock CLASSIFICATION: Reporting Requirement				
Requires West Virginia State Police, Natural Resources police officer, county sheriff, or municipal police officer that reports to a crash that damaged a fence that may contain livestock to make a reasonable attempt to contact the landowner or lessee to alert them of the damage				

WYOMING	SF0025 Chapter 119	Animal impound proceedings - bond and disposition	Effective Immediately & 7/1/21	Signed into law 4/6/21
AFFECTED: Owners, Enforcers SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: Revises Impound Laws				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows impounding animal in violation of cruelty statutes, requires hearing within 72 hours of impoundment or charges in circuit court • Requires bond for caring for animal for 90 days that must be posted within 10 days after hearing which must be renewed by expiration – unused amount must be returned • Animal must be disposed of if bond not posted, which includes adoption, sale, destruction or return to owner with owner liable for final disposition costs • Allows disposing of animal before bond expiration if court orders forfeiture of animal • Allows filing of petition requesting court issue order for final disposition of animal or livestock animal if enforcer has possession of animal, outcome is pending and final disposition has not occurred AND requires court hearing in 7 days • Adds to definitions "person with authority to enforce this chapter" and "Reasonable costs of impoundment" • Requires consulting with agency or officer of Board before impounding livestock • Allows permanent forfeiture of animals including livestock for felony cruelty to animals 				
WYOMING	SF0026 Chapter 30	Animal abuse statutes reorganization and update.	Effective 7/1/21	Signed into law 2/9/21
AFFECTED: SPECIES: CLASSIFICATION:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moves cruelty to animals to its own Article 10 Animal Abuse • Adds definitions for “costs of the animal’s impoundment”, “household pet” and “livestock” • Must now <u>intentionally and knowingly</u> injure or beat an animal unnecessarily and must <u>knowingly</u> carry animal that poses undue risk of injury or death • Must now <u>manifest extreme indifference</u> while failing to provide food or shelter, abandoning an animal (except to shelter) or failing to provide care AND moves keeping any household pet in a manner that results in chronic or repeated serious physical harm there • Moves the acts under aggravated cruelty section to cruelty section and ADDS permitting such acts on your premises BUT includes them under felony animal cruelty penalties • Moves gas and decompression chamber and attending dog or fowl fight ban to other misdemeanors section AND moves misdemeanor penalty for keeping household pet in conditions which constitute public health hazard there • Combines exemptions into 1 section • Continues household pet animals protection account • Updates references in other laws to reflect new article 				