

UAPPEAL

GENERAL ANIMAL LEGISLATION THAT BECAME LAW IN 2019

ALABAMA	SB 10 Act 2019-478	Service animals, individual with a disability, rights and responsibilities for use in a public accommodation or a housing accommodation, criminal penalties for misrepresentation or denial, interference under certain conditions	1st day of 3rd month	Signed into law
<p>Amends service animal law:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blind, visually handicapped and other physical disability is now an “An individual with a disability” • The law now includes every public accommodation that public is allowed to occupy, and such public accommodations must have policies and practices that reflect that for the same level of accommodation as those that are not disabled • Also, those with service animals must have them under control with tether if possible • Trainers are now also liable for damages, must have a leash/collar/harness/cape/backpack for a dog identifying it as a service animal and written identification for other animals visible for 20’, and may be required to answer whether they are a disabled person training their own animal or with at least a year’s experience and the tasks the animal is trained to do and whether the person is training it and show photo identification verifying they are a trainer – may not require documentation before providing service • Public accommodation may not ask about nature of disability but may ask if animal is service animal required because of a disability and the tasks it performs, and they may not charge surcharge or deposit for animal but may put up sign about service animals • Replaces child with minor in terms of those with disability • Person is liable for damages caused by service animal only if owners of pets are also liable for damages and are also liable for their care and supervision – public accommodation is not required to provide care or special location and may remove animal if not under control or housebroken or posing direct public health and safety threat (does not include being allergic to animal – may stay without animal) • Class C misdemeanor for knowingly and willingly misrepresenting self as using or training a service animal and requires 100 hours community service with organization for those with disabilities – additional offense is Class B misdemeanor with \$100 fine • For pedestrians, extends protection from vehicles of blind with guide dog to all service animals with the same identification requirements for service animals as above • Provides additional changes regarding housing 				
ALABAMA	SB 102 Act 2019-486	Dogs, used for agricultural work, exempt from local leash laws, exception	1st day of 3rd month	Signed into law
Exempts agricultural work dogs doing agriculture work and hunting dogs hunting wild game from local leash laws				

ARKANSAS	HB 1045 Act 29	An Act for the Veterinary Medical Examining Board Appropriation for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year	7/1/19	Became law 1/31/19
Establishes maximum number of regular and part-time employees and grants appropriation				
ARKANSAS	HB 1124 Act 169	To Amend the Laws Concerning Veterinary Medicine; And to Establish a Veterinary Technologist Certification and a Veterinary Technician Specialist Certification	90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 2/18/19
Veterinary Technologists and veterinary technician specialists now require certification from the Veterinary Medical Examining Board				
ARKANSAS	HB 1137 Act 49	An Act for the Office of the Treasurer of State – Animal Rescue Shelters Appropriation for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year.	7/1/19	Signed into law 1/31/19
Grants \$25,000 for county animal rescue shelters and \$25,000 for city animal rescue shelters				
ARKANSAS	HB 1146 Act 286	Concerning Equine Massage; And to Require Licensure or Certification for Equine Massage.	90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 3/1/19
Equine massage and animal massage are now exempt from needing licensure by the Veterinary Medical Examining Board				
ARKANSAS	HB 1264 Act 139	To Amend the Exemption to Licensure by the Veterinary Medical Examining Board for Chiropractors Performing Chiropractic Upon Animals.	90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 2/13/19
Animal chiropractors are no longer required to perform under the immediate supervision of an Arkansas licensed veterinarian				
ARKANSAS	SB388 Act 650	Concerning Bicycle Safety: To Allow Bicyclists to Yield at Stop Signs and Red Lights Under Certain Circumstances; And to Amend the Law Concerning the Use of Bicycles, Electric Bicycles, and Animals on Public Roads.	90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 4/2/19
Those riding an animal or driving an animal drawing a vehicle have the same rights and duties applicable to a driver of a vehicle				
ARKANSAS	SB637 Act 892	To Amend the Law Regarding Greyhound Racing; And to Authorize the Use of Payable Winning Agreements.	90 days after adjournment	Became law 4/11/19
RELATED TO GAMBLING ONLY - Allows payable winning agreements for greyhound racing				

ARKANSAS	SB654 Act 1002	To Amend the Law Regarding Service Animals; And to Authorize a Civil Penalty for Misrepresenting an Animal as a Service Animal.	90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 4/17/19
Misrepresenting an animal as a service animal or service animal-in-training to those operating a public accommodation is a violation subject to a civil penalty of up to \$250 per violation				
ARIZONA	HB 2421 Chapter 32	animal cruelty; working animal; harassment	90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 3/22/19
Intentionally or knowingly harassing a working animal in a law enforcement vehicle or trailer that impedes it from its duties without legal privilege or owner consent is now animal cruelty and is a Class 1 misdemeanor				
CALIFORNIA	AB-1535 Chapter 166	Pet insurance: disclosures.	1/1/20	Signed into law 7/31/19
Pet insurance must now include 1) department's mailing address, toll-free number and website address, 2) address and customer service number of insurer or their agent or broker, 3) statement that contacting department must only after contact with insurer did not resolve issue, and 4) statement to contact agent or broker if applicable				
CALIFORNIA	AB-1553 Chapter 7	Animal impoundment.	1/1/20	Signed into law 6/12/19
Amends law regarding seizing and adopting out animals by amending terms: unwanted animals are now surrendered animals, pounds are now animal shelters, poundkeepers are now shelter directors, dog owners are now owners of a dog, killed is now humanely euthanized, destroyed is now euthanized, disposed of is now humane euthanized or properly disposed of, utilize is now use, prior to is now before; language of his or her is also replaced				
CALIFORNIA	AB-1565 Chapter 8	Stray cats: adoption: kittens.	1/1/20	Signed into law 6/12/19
Kittens under 8 weeks that are believed to be unowned may be immediately placed for adoption by a shelter as long as the spay and neuter requirements are still followed				
COLORADO	HB 1092	Animal Ban For Cruelty To Animals Conviction	8/2/19	Signed into law 5/1/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creates Punky's Law • Court may now order an animal cruelty offender, including juveniles, to have a mental health treatment program • For felony offenses of torturing, needlessly mutilating, or needlessly killing an animal OR cruelty toward service animal or certified police working dog OR where a Class 6 felony is imposed, a comprehensive evaluation to determine the cause shall be conducted • Those with a felony are now banned from owning, possessing or caring for a pet animal for 3-5 years (indefinite for juvenile) unless the treatment provider recommends against it 				

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COLORADO	HB 1180	Correcting The Definition Of Police Working Horse	Immediately	Signed into law 4/4/19
Technical correction to remove certification of police working horses since there is no certification and just requires them to meet standards of law enforcement team				
COLORADO	HB 1220	Court Facility Dog During Witness Testimony	Immediately	Signed into law 5/1/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parties or the court may now order a court facility dog to be present during witness testimony for a criminal proceeding if it would reduce witness's anxiety and provide fuller and more accurate testimony if arranging for the dog does not interfere with the criminal proceedings and no prejudice would result Parties must file their written motion to the court at least 14 days before the proceeding The court may instruct the jury of the role of the dog, and judges may terminate the use of court facility dog at any time The law does not affect service animals 				
COLORADO	SB 150	Sunset Public Livestock Markets	Immediately	Signed into law 5/20/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public livestock market licensing is extended until 9/1/2034 For applications, proof of financial liability is now in accordance with the State Board of Stock Inspection Commissioners with statement of assets and liabilities and proof of financial stability, business integrity and fiduciary responsibility no longer required Facilities must now only be adequate as determined by brand inspector Removes references implying that the commissioners are in charge of livestock sanitation and to veterinarians being from Department of Agriculture and clarifies that the veterinarian only inspects the livestock 				
COLORADO	SB 158	Sunset Pet Animal Care And Facilities Act	90 days	Signed into law 5/31/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extends Pet Animal Care and Facilities Act to 9/1/2026 after a review Shelters/rescues may no longer accept agreements by prospective owners to spay or neuter a dog or cat at a later date and are no longer exempt for having an existing program but those with limited access to a veterinarian may be granted an exemption Licenses may be denied or revoked for convictions of animal theft, importation, capture, neglect or abuse as defined All civil fines now go to the general fund Grants appropriation for 2019-2020 				

CONNECTICUT	HB 6643 Public Act 19-8	AN ACT CONCERNING REGIONAL ANIMAL CONTROL SHELTERS.	10/1/19	Signed into law 6/10/19
Two or more towns, which no longer need to be contiguous, with a population of less than 50,000 each (was 25k) with dog pound may agree to having regional animal control shelters				
CONNECTICUT	HB 7158 Public Act 19-156	AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF COMMERCIAL KENNELS.	Immediately	Signed into law 7/9/19
Those who board three or fewer cats or dogs at their residence are not considered a commercial kennel requiring a license				
CONNECTICUT	HB 7297 Public Act 19-197	AN ACT CONCERNING QUARANTINE AND DISPOSAL ORDERS OF ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS	7/1/19	Signed into law 7/12/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduces time of quarantine review from 14 days to 10 days • Requires mandatory quarantine by animal control officer of animal is suspected to be rabid or been bitten by a suspected rabid animal or a wild animal • Examination of quarantined animal will now be by state veterinarian instead of an agriculture commissioner, and requires the state veterinarian instead of the animal control officer to determine length and location of quarantine and disposition of animal • Penalty for violating quarantine order is now \$100 instead of a Class D misdemeanor • The person attacked is no longer required to receive notice of a quarantine order • Animals without a current rabies vaccination may only be quarantined on owner's property under certain circumstances 				
CONNECTICUT	SB 594 Public Act 19-82	AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF CERTAIN CONTRACTS FOR THE SALE OR LEASE OF CATS AND DOGS.	Immediately	Signed into law 7/8/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All contracts of cat and dog sales and leases after 10/1/19 are void if they include a provision of transferring ownership of animal upon making payments over time or transferring ownership after the end of a lease, excluding repayments of loans for paying animals. • All amounts paid under such contract must be returned • Exempt are purebred dogs leased for breeding, animals used in exhibition or in the media and working animals that perform tasks 				
DELAWARE	HB 57	AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION OF A STATE DOG.	Immediately	Signed into law 5/15/19
The rescue dog is now the official state dog for one year				
DELAWARE	HB 195	AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 3 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO AGRICULTURE	Immediately	Signed into law 7/31/19
Updates beekeeping code including addressing exotic mites and registrations				

DELAWARE	HB 231	AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 3 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO LIVESTOCK AT LARGE.	Immediately	Signed into law 7/21/19
Penalties for livestock running at large are now \$50-100 for 1 st offense and \$500-1000 for subsequent				
DELAWARE	SB 133	AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 21 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO SPECIAL ANIMAL WELFARE LICENSE PLATES.		Signed into law 7/17/19
Adds the Executive Director of the Brandywine Valley SPCA to the fund committee members in regards to special animal welfare license plates and replaces the term president with executive director for all other members				
FLORIDA	SB 96 Chapter 2019-9	Police, Fire, and Search and Rescue Dogs	10/1/19	Signed into law 4/26/19
The penalty for knowingly and intentionally causing great bodily harm, permanent disability or death or using a deadly weapon upon a police canine (was dog), fire canine, search and rescue canine or police horse without lawful cause increased to a 2 nd degree felony				
GEORGIA	HB 35 Act 34	Sales and use tax; certain poultry diagnostic and disease monitoring services; create exemption	7/1/19	Signed into law 4/18/19
Sales to or by any 501(c)(5) nonprofit that primarily provides poultry diagnostic and disease monitoring are exempt from the sales and use tax				
IDAHO	H 137 Chapter 300	Dangerous dogs	7/1/19	Signed into law 4/4/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Owning, possessing or harboring an at-risk dog or dangerous dog is now a misdemeanor penalty unless the court allows the owner to keep it with restrictions instead of allowing petitions to the court to declare a dog dangerous • Restrictions now allows a tattoo instead of just microchip and requires maintaining ID by local enforcement agency instead of just court • Court may grant victim restitution including medical, property damage, and property repair and replacement • Serious injury now means bruising, laceration or other injury that would cause prudent person to seek medical treatment (previously piercing the skin, tearing the muscles/veins/arteries or disfiguring lacerations) • Court may now order restitution to law enforcement, animal control agency or animal shelter for impoundment costs, medical and veterinary expenses, and care or keeping costs 				
ILLINOIS	HB 3390 Public Act 101-0210	KENNEL OPERATION-FIRE ALARMS	1/1/20	Signed into law 8/6/19
Dog and cat kennels that board animals without staff at all times while animals are on premises must now have a fire alarm or sprinkler and must now include with their license applications and renewals a statement that it either has such fire system with a description and location or a statement that it is maintained by staff at all times with a staffing plan with the exception of veterinarians – fire inspectors may inspect kennels				

ILLINOIS	SB 61 Public Act 101-0295	ANIMALS-ADMINISTRATIVE FINES	Immediately	Signed into law 8/9/19
Revises laws regarding pet shops, animal shelters and foster homes				
ILLINOIS	SB 131 Public Act 101-0299	FERAL CATS-RABIES VACCINATION	1/1/20	Signed into law 8/9/19
Requires cats that are companion animals to get rabies vaccination by 4 months of age and annually and requires veterinarian to issue inoculation certificate that complies with county registration requirements except for feral cats unless they are sterilized				
ILLINOIS	SB 1665 Public Act 101-0414	PMP-LICENSED VETERINARIANS	Immediately	Signed into law 8/16/19
Veterinarians are no longer part of the Prescription Monitoring Program and can no longer access client information from it and instead must report any suspected fraud to law enforcement				
IOWA	SF 341	A bill for an act relating to assistance animals and service animals in housing, service animals and service-animals-in-training in public accommodations, and misrepresentation of an animal as a service animal or a service-animal-in-training, providing penalties, and including effective date and applicability provisions.	Upon Rule Adoption (Disability in Housing – Immediately)	Signed into law 5/2/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landlords must now waive the lease restrictions and additional payments normally required for pets for service animals and assistance animals (simians, etc.) or face simple misdemeanor, but renter is liable for any damages it causes • A physician, physician assistant, nurse, psychologist, social worker or behavior scientist requested to determine that an assistance animal or service animal is a reasonable accommodation in housing shall make a written finding of the disability and a separate written finding of the need for such animal after meeting with the client in-person or by telemedicine and being sufficiently familiar with their case • Only service animals (dog, mini horse) or those in training are now given special privileges to be in public places • Intentionally misrepresenting a service animal or one in training for which a previous written or verbal warning for misrepresenting one was given is guilty of a simple misdemeanor • Owners of public places are not liable for service animals if owner has reason to believe it was service animal and was not negligent, reckless or doing willful misconduct 				

IOWA	SF 519	A bill for an act relating to an offense involving trespass to agricultural production facilities, and providing penalties	Immediately	Signed into law 3/14/19
Creates offense of agricultural production facility trespass for person and their co-conspirators using deception to access or gain employment at a nonpublic facility with intent to cause physical or economic or other harm to facility's operations, animals, crops, equipment, buildings, premises, business interest, or customers or to the owner or personnel – penalty is serious misdemeanor for 1 st offense and aggravated misdemeanor for each additional				
INDIANA	HB 1196 Public Law 168	Indiana horse racing commission	7/1/19	Signed into law 5/1/19
Changes the laws regarding race horses				
INDIANA	HB 1295 Public Law 12	Veterinary prescriptions.	7/1/19	Signed into law 4/3/19
When prescribing opioids for an animal for the first time, veterinarians may now only prescribe a 7-day supply and may obtain information about the animal owner or person dispensing the opioid from the database				
INDIANA	HB 1615 Public Law 141	Death or injury to animals.	7/1/19	Signed into law 4/29/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expands domestic and family violence from beating to include all animal abuse inflicted to threaten a family member (Level 6 felony) • Abuse is beating, tormenting, injuring or harming an animal and includes a humane society, animal control agency and government agency running a shelter that destroys animals other than by humane euthanasia • Torture now includes destroying an animal by electrocution and intentionally heating or freezing an animal to death 				
INDIANA	SB 529 Public Law 193	Beekeeping. Agricultural Matters	7/1/19	Signed into law 5/2/19
Units may not have ordinances, rules, regulations or resolutions that ban beekeeping on one's own property but may regulate how many hives a person can have and their location on the property that conforms to Apiary Inspectors of America standards				
INDIANA	SB 533 Public Act 39	Importation of domestic animals from abroad.	7/1/19	Signed into law 4/18/19
Foreign importers of a domestic dog or cat into Indiana must provide the recipient with a certificate of veterinary inspection or health certificate who must send a copy (may be electronic) to the Board within 30 days of receipt				

KENTUCKY	SB 67 Chapter 184	AN ACT relating to sexual crimes against animals	90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 3/26/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sex crimes against an animal is now a Class D felony, including sexual contact, advertising or offering or obtaining an animal for such purpose, and aiding and abetting another person to engage in sexual contact with exceptions for veterinary practices, artificial insemination, accepted husbandry practices and breed confirmation Violators must 1) relinquish all animals or return the animal to the owner (may not be spayed/neutered), 2) not harbor, possess, own, work at a place with unsupervised access to animals or reside where animals live for 5 years after finishing the sentence, 3) attend a treatment program or psychiatric or psychological counseling, and 4) reimburse agency for care expenses during proceeding 				
LOUISIANA	HB 582 Act 250	ANIMALS/LIVESTOCK AT LG: Provides for fees for impounded livestock found roaming at large	8/1/19	Signed into law 6/11/19
For impounded livestock found at large on highways, clarifies that impoundment fee is \$20 per head and replaces \$2/day (\$3/day during emergencies) cost of feeding and caring for them with a daily boarding fee of \$10 per animal				
MAINE	HP 61 Chapter 99	An Act To Make Post-conviction Possession of Animals a Criminal Offense	90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 5/14/19
Revises prohibition on possessing animals for those convicted of animal abuse to whatever the court determines is reasonable for Class D offense, 5 years for Class C offense, and allows court to impose additional reasonable restrictions on ownership – court may modify upon motion by defendant that it is completed – animals owned in violation may be immediately forfeited				
MAINE	HP 258 Chapter 95	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Dangerous Dogs and Nuisance Dogs To Allow for Flexibility in Protection Dog Training	90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 5/8/19
Repeals prohibition of training dogs not directly involved with specific protection dog training to be aggressive or attack another person or animal				
MAINE	HP 891 Chapter 437	An Act To Update the Civil Animal Welfare Laws	90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 6/20/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When first registering a service dog, the dog no longer needs to have a special tag Humane agents, animal control and shelters may issue written authorization to euthanize severely sick or injured livestock if municipal clerk or animal control is notified who attempted to contact the owner AND veterinarian issues written statement that recovery is doubtful PLUS a veterinarian may also authorize immediate euthanasia if the above is followed – all are exempt from civil liability For animal cruelty: drugs now specifically include narcotics and similar drugs AND civil penalty for cruelty is now up to \$5000 for 1st violation and \$10,000 per additional Stray livestock where owner is unknown may be taken to facility capable of handling it or wherever the municipality designates, and municipalities must hold them for 10 days before either adopting or euthanizing them and may reimburse facility for expenses For lost goods: removes provisions regarding stray beasts Repeals provision allowing liens on livestock that destroy someone's property 				

MAINE	SP 150 Chapter 134	An Act To Require an Owner of a Dangerous Dog To Remain at the Scene of an Assault by the Dog	90 days after adjournment	Became law w/o signature 5/21/19
Requires owner of a dog that assaults person requiring medical attention to first secure aid for person, then temporarily leave to confine dog, and then provide person's name, address and phone number to injured or law enforcement – violation is Class D crime				
MAINE	SP 322 Chapter 237	An Act To Update the Criminal Animal Welfare Laws	90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 6/7/19
For seized abandoned or cruelly treated animals, 1) hearings must be within 31 days and court shall give priority to the case since it is a living animal when justice so requires, 2) postponed hearings must be rescheduled within 14 days, 3) veterinarian must determine recovery of animal is doubtful or animal is diseased or disabled beyond recovery in order to dispose of animal, 4) has details of what is allowed as evidence, 5) provides for emergency euthanasia, and more				
MARYLAND	HB 135 Chapter 61	Criminal Law - Cruelty to Animals - Seizure and Removal	10/1/19	Signed into law 4/18/19
Repeals the criminal code regarding animals and replaces it with amendments including making an owner of a confiscated animal to pay for costs for removal, housing, treatment or euthanasia				
MARYLAND	HB 652 Chapter 678	Agriculture - Use of Antimicrobial Drugs - Limitations and Reporting Requirements	10/1/19	Became law 5/25/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dairy cattle with herd less than 300 are now exempt from the antimicrobial drug requirements • Medically important antimicrobial drug may not be given in food or water of cattle, swine or poultry except with veterinary prescription or feed directive, may not be used for more than 21 days except as directed by federal label or with a 21-day vet extension after on-site visit, and may NOT be used for cattle during dry cycle intramammary infection • Veterinarians must submit report record of prescribing or giving feed directive and total number of animals raised by owner by species and production class on 2/1/21 and annually • Department report to the legislature must be 2/1/20 and annually, which on 2/1/21 must include total number of animal raised on farm operations, antimicrobial active ingredients used and weight, and indications that vet prescribed them, patterns of use that is disaggregated by county unless only 1 or 2 farms in the county AND then keep it for 5 years while protecting those involved • Penalty for violating the reporting requirement is now \$2000 per violation 				
MARYLAND	SB 56 Chapter 128	Secretary of Agriculture – Regulation of Poultry to Protect Animal Health and Control Avian Influenza	10/1/19	Signed into law 4/18/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expands authority of Secretary of Agriculture to regulate live poultry market from just slaughter to any location where poultry is offered for sale or transferred and to determine when a permit is needed for such purposes • Excludes hatchling eggs from authority • Expands poultry dealers to those buying, selling, exchanging or transferring poultry to a market 				

MARYLAND	SB 105 Chapter 465	Maryland Veterans Service Animal Program - Therapy Horses	6/1/19	Signed into law 5/13/19
Entities that use therapy horses are now included as a nonprofit training entity for the Maryland Veterans Service Animal Program, and veterans that receive care from US Department of Veteran Affairs or Department of Defense facility may participate instead of just those from a VA hospital				
MARYLAND	SB 152 Chapter 62	Criminal Law - Cruelty to Animals - Seizure and Removal	10/1/19	Signed into law 4/18/19
Repeals the criminal code regarding animals and replaces it with amendments including making an owner of a confiscated animal to pay for costs for removal, housing, treatment or euthanasia				
MARYLAND	SB 471 Chapter 679	Agriculture - Use of Antimicrobial Drugs - Limitations and Reporting Requirements	10/1/19	Signed into law 5/25/19
Similar to HB 652				
MINNESOTA	H.F. 1733 SF 483/SF 1695 Chapter 38	Omnibus agriculture policy bill.	8/1/19	Signed into law 5/17/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revises laws regarding saltwater aquatic life Revises open air swine basins 				
MONTANA	HB 29 Chapter 103	Revise bird hunting dog laws	Immediately	Signed into law 4/1/19
Allows a person to train bird hunting dogs and conduct field trials				
MONTANA	HB 101 Chapter 15	Revise deadline for applying for refund of livestock per capita fee	7/1/19	Signed into law 2/19/19
Extends deadline for applying for a refund of livestock per capita fee to March 31 and requires applicant to provide a statement showing when livestock were moved into the state instead of just out along with documenting transfers				
MONTANA	HB 112 Chapter 145	Revise importation requirements	10/1/19	Signed into law 4/11/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exempts all infected livestock heading to slaughter from the ban on import instead of just cattle Allows department to require permit to import animals, semen, or biologics AND to waive requirement for documentation but adds that there must be no danger to animal health Repeals old artificial insemination law 				

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MONTANA	HB 439 Chapter 361	Revise laws related to misrepresented service animals	10/1/19	Signed into law 5/7/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limits service animal to dogs and miniature horses and specifically excludes emotional support animals Requires horse to wear leash, collar, harness, cape or backpack identifying it as service animal For animals taken in public, the animal must be under control and the representative of the location place may ask if the animal is a service animal required because of a disability and its tasks performed Allows service animal not under control or not housebroken to be removed and allow handler to participate without it Requires all posted notices banning animals from premises to include service animal exemption Allows person who knowingly and willfully misrepresents a service animal by fitting it with a mentioned item or to state such verbally or in writing to be removed and law enforcement called and to file a written complaint so long as there is public notice that such action will be taken and as long as other animals are not allowed Law enforcement that respond to complaint must file written result A person is guilty of misdemeanor if they had a prior written warning that it was illegal to misrepresent an animal as a service animal and continued to do so punishable of \$50 for 1st offense, \$75-200 for 2nd offense, and \$100-1000 per additional along with possible community service for organization that advocates for the disabled 				
MONTANA	HB 443 Chapter 379	Revise requirements for hobbyist apiaries	7/1/19	Signed into law 5/8/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limits annual hobbyist apiary registration or re-registration fee AND new hobbyist apiary application fees to \$19 between 7/1/19 and 6/30/21 Requires mandatory registrations of hobbyist apiary sites 				
MONTANA	HB 520 Chapter 201	Revise funding for livestock loss board	7/1/19	Signed into law 4/26/19
Increases funding to \$300,000 for livestock loss board				
MONTANA	HB 607 Chapter 365	Allow for the manufacture and sale of pet treats	7/1/19	Signed into law 5/7/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classifies pet treats as a type of pet food that requires registration and commercial feed license Manufacturers with annual sales up to \$25,000 for pet treats that don't contain drugs, meat, fish, poultry or byproducts are exempt from needing a commercial feed license Makes pet treat registration fee of \$25 per set of 20 individual pet treat products and allows department to add an additional \$10 				
MONTANA	SB 56 Chapter 86	Repeal meat and poultry inspection appeals process	Immediately	Signed into law 3/21/19
Inspections of slaughter facilities may no longer be suspended for failing to meet environmental standards				

MONTANA	SB 133 Chapter 306	Revise eligibility for livestock loss payments	10/1/19	Signed into law 5/7/19
Requires payment of delinquent per capita fees before reimbursing for livestock loss except for tribal member or entity				
MONTANA	SB 183 Chapter 232	Authorize the board of horseracing to conduct historical horseracing.	Immediately until 6/30/21	Signed into law 5/1/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorizes Board of Horseracing to conduct hearings and rulings regarding historical horseracing to develop proposals for the 2021 legislature • Defines historical horseracing as a horserace previously conducted by licensed pari-mutuel that concluded with official results and no scratches, disqualification or dead-heat finishes 				
MONTANA	SB 320 Chapter 328	Clarify laws regarding cost of care for animals seized	10/1/19	Signed into law 5/7/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replaces animal welfare hearing for seizures with a cost of care hearing • Seizures can be made for animal fighting as well • Arrests no longer have to be made in order for animals to be seized • Prosecutor petition must contain authority, purpose, time, place and circumstances of seizure along with a description of the animal and its current condition, name and address of respondent or seizure address if unknown, and veterinarian evaluation of animal's condition with a copy of the petition given to respondent or on property • Court must set hearing within 10 days and give notice to respondent within 5 days before • Requires determination within 5 days of hearing where animal may be returned if not guilty or kept until disposition decision is made • If found guilty, allows bond or lien on real property to cover costs of care for 30 days which owner must pay every 30 days unless the owner requests hearing not more than 5 days before expiration • If owner does not pay within 5 days of due date, animal will be forfeited • Unused funds are returned to owner • If owner is found not guilty, animal must be immediately returned or given FMV of animal if forfeited due to failure to pay care costs • Allows seized animals to be immediately euthanized if veterinarian determines they are unlikely to recover and payment of FMV to owner if found not guilty 				
NEVADA	SB 390 Chapter 285	Revises provisions governing the slaughtering of livestock.	Immediately for Rules & 7/1/19	Signed into law 6/1/19
Directs State Quarantine Officer to adopt a process for permits for facilities to slaughter and sell meat of their poultry and a permit for custom processing unit or mobile processing unit				

NEVADA	SB 400 Chapter 239	Revises provisions governing the auditing and bonding of public livestock auctions	7/1/19	Signed into law 5/29/19
Removes USDA approved bonds to allowed bonds for public livestock auctions which must now be the greater of \$200,000 amount calculated under federal market agency selling livestock under commission, removes requirement for full audit 2 months before, and requires annual audit by January 15 of amount of proceeds for prior year performed by CPA				
NEVADA	SB 417 Chapter 417	Revises provisions governing public sales of livestock	Immediately for Rules & 7/1/19	Signed into law 6/5/19
Issues new limited license to hold an annual livestock sale which must be issued as soon as practicable if surety bonded, fee paid, and other requirements met				
NEW HAMPSHIRE	HB 283 Chapter 81	relative to the age rabbits can be transferred	8/17/19	Signed into law 6/18/19
Rabbits are now required to be 8 weeks old (was 4 weeks) to be sold, raffled, offered as a prize or used in advertising				
NEW HAMPSHIRE	HB 361 Chapter 130	relative to property settlement including animals	8/24/19	Signed into law 6/25/19
Property settlements for divorces and separations now consider animals tangible property and must provide for their care and ownership taking into account their well-being				
NEW HAMPSHIRE	HB 389 Chapter 56	Requiring the department of business and economic affairs to prepare materials for businesses relative to service dogs	8/4/19	Signed into law 6/5/19
Requires Secretary of State to coordinate with Governor's Commission on Disability to create and make available for businesses 1) a decal for windows or doors stating that service animals are welcome and misrepresenting them is a crime and 2) materials on questions business owners may ask about service animals, guidelines to comply with ADA, and information on the ADA				
NEW HAMPSHIRE	HB 605 Chapter 295	relative to criminal penalties for possession, transfer, or manufacture of animal fighting paraphernalia with the intent to be present at, aiding in, or contributing to such fighting	10/27/19	Signed into law 7/29/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sale, loan or exporting animal for fighting AND possessing, owning, selling, transferring or manufacturing animal fighting paraphernalia are now Class B felony with prior convictions for fighting to be used in determining intent Courts are now required to prohibit those convicted from keeping animals for at least 5 years and may impose additional safety measures with animals held in violation subject to immediate forfeiture and \$1000 fine 				
NEW JERSEY	S 1923 P.L.2019, c.82	Revises criteria for determining whether a dog is vicious or potentially dangerous	Immediately	Signed into law 5/7/19

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dogs are no longer declared vicious if engaged in dog fighting • Allows vicious dog owners to comply with restrictions instead of immediate euthanasia • Includes dogs that cause serious bodily injury to another domestic animal as potentially dangerous dogs but exempts dogs that cause bodily injury to 1) a person committing or attempting to commit a crime against the owner or trespasses on the property, 2) person or domestic animal abusing, assaulting or physical threatening dog or offspring, 3) person intervening in a dog fight or aggressively acting dogs 				
NEW JERSEY	S 2674 P.L.2019, c.83	Revises standard for warrantless seizure of animal at risk due to violation of law concerning necessary care and tethering of animals.	Immediately	Signed into law 5/7/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For animal seizures, a warrant is now required instead of a court order • For immediate seizures, law enforcement must have reasonable basis to believe that immediate assistance is required to preserve the animal's life or prevent injury 				
NEW MEXICO	HB 503 Chapter 142	HORSE RACING BREEDER MERIT & INCENTIVE AWARDS	90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 4/2/19
Makes changes				
NEW MEXICO	SB 121 Chapter 155	DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION LIVESTOCK FENCING	90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 4/2/19
Department of Transportation, as its budget permits, must construct, maintain and repair all fences along highways and provide cattle underpasses, water pipelines and cattle guards as necessary, except no fences are required if cattle can't access it and signs are posted every 2 miles near where livestock are located warning motorists of livestock				
NEW MEXICO	SB 545 Chapter 257	VETERINARY CLINIC STUDENT INTERNS	90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 4/4/19
The Department of Agriculture may enter into agreements with schools of veterinary medicine in other states to allow students to intern at in-state veterinary clinics as part of their degree program AND shall encourage veterinarians to participate				
NEW YORK	A 216 Chapter 149	Relates to the care of animals	90 days	Signed into law 8/8/19
Pet dealers must now have diurnal light cycles, a separate space for pregnant or nursing dogs big enough for her litter, daily cleaning and weekly or bi-weekly sanitizing of primary enclosures, provide sanitary food and regular grooming, and for those who sell 25 or more dogs or cats annually, annual veterinary examinations for adult dogs and cats.				

NEW YORK	A 7053 Chapter 137	Relates to the confinement of companion animals in unattended motor vehicles under conditions that endanger the health or well-being of an animal	Immediately	Signed into law 7/31/19
Emergency medical services people and firefighters who respond to a call to assist an animal may now remove animals from vehicles under the same conditions as for police officers and humane societies.				
NEW YORK	S 2315 Chapter 122	Relates to certain payments of the horsemen's organization		Signed into law 7/27/19
Extends 2% collection of purses to 2020				
NEW YORK	S 5532 Chapter 107	Relates to the prohibition of the declawing of cats	Immediately	Signed into law 7/22/19
Declawing cats is now banned in the state (except for therapeutic = medical purposes) which is punishable by a civil penalty up to \$1000				
NORTH CAROLINA	HB 239 SL 2019-106	Pitt County Animal Control Records.	Immediately	Signed into law 7/11/19
Extends the law regarding release of animal control records to Pitt and Burke Counties.				
NORTH CAROLINA	SB 604 SL 2019-170	Amend NC Veterinary Practice Act.	Immediately & 60 days	Signed into law 7/26/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expands what qualifies as impairment of a veterinarian • Expands exemption for administering to animals for an employer to an exemption for administering to food and fiber animals, simple first aid for companion animals in emergencies and disease prevention for companion animals • Allows veterinarian to treat animals at registered animal shelters • Grants additional rule-making authority for veterinary facility permits 				
NORTH DAKOTA	HB 1085	relating to the drought disaster livestock water assistance program.	Immediately	Signed into law 3/8/19
Updates drought livestock water assistance program to remove limit of up to 50% of cost and \$3500 per project for up 3 projects and that they are eligible for funding consideration and not necessarily for funding				
NORTH DAKOTA	HB 1209	relating to the use of dogs in the recovery of big game.	8/1/19	Signed into law 3/26/19
Allows using dogs for recovery of big game animals if leashed and under control with the hunter and handler who may use artificial light if they do not carry a firearm or archery equipment, notify the district game warden beforehand and leave immediate area if big game is found alive				

NORTH DAKOTA	SB 2177	relating to due process and accounting for animals to be seized	8/1/19	Signed into law 3/6/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For petitions for seizures, notices of seizures and dispositions rulings of bovines, horses or mules, law enforcement must provide a copy of the petition or notice to the chief brand inspector, who shall conduct an ownership inspection • Requires law enforcement to make reasonable inquiry to find owner of seized animal • Allows owner to request hearing before final disposition determination 				
NORTH DAKOTA	SB 2239	relating to animal identification program records	Immediately	Signed into law 4/8/19
Requires board to maintain confidentiality of information in animal identification database, and it may not be disclosed or face civil action unless all parties involved provide written consent, disclosure is authorized by federal law, it is needed for federal or state agencies to assist in animal disease control, attorney general or law enforcement during criminal investigation, order by court of competent jurisdiction, or for the ND Stockman's Association				
NORTH DAKOTA	SB 2345	relating to animal feeding operations and zoning regulations	8/1/19	Signed into law 5/1/19
Replaces concentrated feeding operation with animal feeding operation as a lot or facility other than cattle or aquatic life wintering operations where non-aquatic animals are stabled or confined and fed at least 45 days during the year and crops and vegetation are not sustained during growing season at facility AND makes various other changes				
OKLAHOMA	HB 2155	Agriculture; repealing permit process for feeding garbage to swine; effective date.	11/1/19	Signed into law 4/22/19
Feeding garbage to swine is now banned except for households and institutions that feed their own garbage to their own swine				
OKLAHOMA	SB 545	Livestock diseases; declaring Oklahoma brucellosis free. Effective date.	11/1/19	Signed into law 4/16/19
Oklahoma is now declared brucellosis free, but a program of eradication may be reinstated upon the advice of the state veterinarian and USDA				
OKLAHOMA	SB 547	Livestock diseases; updating testing method for equine infectious anemia. Effective date	11/1/19	Signed into law 4/16/19
Eliminates the requirement for an AGID test for equine infectious anemia to allow other testing methods				
OKLAHOMA	SB 556	Agriculture; livestock diseases; modifying livestock identification requirement. Effective date.	11/1/19	Signed into law 4/16/19
For livestock blood samples, other methods of identification other than an ear tag is allowed for livestock being tested				

OKLAHOMA	SB 558	Agriculture; livestock diseases; prohibiting removal of official identification. Effective date.	11/1/19	Signed into law 4/16/19
For ban on removing animal identification, replaces metal ear tag with identification				
OKLAHOMA	SB 559	Agricultural code; adding definition of official identification. Effective date	11/1/19	Signed into law 4/25/19
Defines official identification as any method approved by USDA or state veterinarian other than backtags except for immediate slaughter and allows approved identification for specific species to be listed in rules				
OREGON	HB 2061	Changes structure for annual permit fees for confined animal feeding operations.	91st day after adjournment	Signed into law 6/17/19
For animal feeding operations, a new concentrated animal feeding permit is available for those with a NPDES or WPCF permit in addition to the confined animal feeding permit; department shall adopt annual permit fees which have a new limit (\$125 for small, \$250 for medium, and \$900 for large) with a limit of \$10,000; adds new fees for new NPDES/WPCF permittees or transfers (new - \$100 small, \$150 for medium and \$300 for large; transfer - \$200) with a limit of \$15,000				
OREGON	HB 2500	Provides private right of action to recover for expenses in relation to veterinary care for abused domestic animal	1/1/20	Signed into law 5/28/19
Gives person providing veterinary care of an abused animal a private right of action to recover reasonable expenses plus costs and attorney fees, which shall not affect liens, petitions/order for forfeiture or criminal proceedings				
OREGON	HB 3365	Changes process for forming or dissolving livestock district, annexing land to livestock district or withdrawing land from livestock district.	1/1/20	Signed into law 6/20/19
Creates new process for a county application for establishing or dissolving a livestock district				
OREGON	SB 445 Chapter 622	Requires Invasive Species Council to report every two years to interim committee of Legislative Assembly concerning activities of council.	9/29/19	Signed into law 7/23/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires bi-annual reporting to interim committee of updates Removes Portland State University president from membership, adds State Parks and Recreation Director and Director of the Center for Lakes and Reservoirs, specifies the 10 ex-officio voting members, and adds 4 non-voting members of State Invasive Species Coordinator, Governor, Senate, and House of Representatives 				
OREGON	SB 495 Chapter 333	Prohibits use of dogs in correctional facilities for other than specified purposes	1/1/20	Signed into law 6/11/19
Correctional facilities are prohibited from using a dog to extract an inmate from a cell, but it does not affect a dog tracking an inmate or locating contraband, quelling disturbances, preventing escape, addressing immediate health or safety risk, or dog training programs				

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OREGON	SB 638 Chapter 374	Requires research facilities where laboratory research is conducted to offer laboratory animals no longer used for research to animal rescue entity for adoption prior to euthanization of laboratory animal.	1/1/20	Signed into law 6/13/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research facilities with cats or dogs must offer them for adoption when done by having veterinarian examine them for suitability except for health or safety reasons or euthanasia required for research • Such facilities may determine whether other animals are suitable, establish a private adoption process, offer dog or cat to a shelter, and enter into agreements with a shelter • Research facility is immune from civil liability if acting in good faith • Requires annual report by Dec 31 with total number of dogs and cats at facility, total used for research, total released to shelters for adoption with name and address of shelter, name and address of shelters they have agreements with • Clarifies that federal requirements supersede law 				
OREGON	SB 883 Chapter 557	Changes definition of "enforcing agency" from city or county dog licensing agency or other designated agency to State Veterinarian for purposes of regulating animal rescue entities.	1/1/20	Signed into law 7/15/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The enforcing agency for regulating animal rescue entities is now the state veterinarian • Appropriates \$316,133 to Department of Agriculture to regulate animal rescues for 2 years starting 7/1/19 AND increases their expenditure for food safety to \$114,168 				
PENNSYLVANIA	SB 9 Act 3	An Act designating the Eastern hellbender (<i>Cryptobranchus alleganiensis alleganiensis</i>) as the official amphibian of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.	Immediately	Signed into law 4/23/19
The Eastern hellbender is now the official amphibian of Pennsylvania				
RHODE ISLAND	H 5436	AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - ANIMAL CARE	Immediately	Signed into law 7/15/19
Animal trainers are now required to obtain a kennel license except for government and non-profit facilities				
RHODE ISLAND	H 6043	AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO PUBLIC SAFETY DOGS AND HORSES	Immediately	Signed into law 7/8/19
Replaces old law creating a \$100-500 fine and 1-year imprisonment penalty for cruelty to dogs and horses as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Felony for intentional without cause producing great bodily harm, permanent disability, or death to or using a deadly weapon on a police dog or horse, fire dog or search and rescue dog with up to \$1000 fine and/or 5 years imprisonment AND 50 hours community service plus civil action up to 3x the damages paid to owner • Misdemeanor of up to \$1000 fine and/or 1-year imprisonment for intentionally maliciously touching, striking, or causing bodily harm • Misdemeanor of \$100-500 fine and/or 1-year imprisonment for knowingly and maliciously harassing, teasing, or interfering 				

RHODE ISLAND	S 308	AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - EQUAL RIGHTS OF BLIND AND DEAF PERSONS TO PUBLIC FACILITIES	Immediately	Signed into law 7/8/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is a violation to take an animal to a public place where pets are not permitted and state it is a service animal when it is not or to misrepresent animal as service animal to gain access to or remain in public area where pets are not allowed when known it is not a service animal – Penalty is civil penalty of 30 hours working with organization for those with disabilities Businesses may post decal stating service animals welcome and it is a violation of state law to misrepresent a service animal 				
RHODE ISLAND	S 465	AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- SEIZURE OF ANIMALS BEING CRUELLY TREATED	Immediately	Signed into law 7/15/19
Provides procedure for seizing animals abandoned or cruelly treated				
RHODE ISLAND	S 699	AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY	7/1/20	Signed into law 7/8/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extends purpose of animal care law to increase transparency of where pet shop dogs and cats are sourced and that they also source puppies and kittens from rescues and shelters Pet shops must now submit records each May 1 and November 1 for each dog or cat offered for sale not from a rescue, shelter or pound since last report: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> health certificate showing vet examining within 7 days of acquiring it, source information including name and address of breeder, federal and state license numbers and inspection reports in last 6 months and how many dogs and cats they had on site at time, any broker/dealer information including name and address of breeder, federal and state license numbers and inspection reports in last 6 months Post breed, age, and date of birth information above on enclosure of each dog or cat for sale (name and address of facility and FIN for rescue, shelter, or pound) Penalty for failure to submit records or post information is up to \$250 fine for 1st offense, \$300 for 2nd, and \$500 per additional Ban the sale, exchange, trade, barter, lease or display of cats and dogs for commercial purposes on a roadside, public right-of-way, parkway, median, park, other recreation area, flea market or other outdoor market, or commercial or retail parking lot except for display or adoption by shelter, rescue or pound OR fair exhibition, 4-H program, or similar 				
RHODE ISLAND	S 779	AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO PUBLIC SAFETY DOGS AND HORSES	Immediately	Signed into law 7/8/19
Similar to H 6043				
RHODE ISLAND	S 1022	AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - ANIMAL CARE	Immediately	Signed into law 7/15/19
Similar to H 5436				

SOUTH CAROLINA	S 281 R 64	RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF GUIDE DOGS	Immediately	Signed into law 5/16/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adds misrepresenting a service animal to the uniform traffic ticket offenses • For service animal law, redefines service animal to include those in training, state that it is not a pet and is only a dog or horse, and that it does work or performs task for a person with a disability including sensory, physical, psychiatric, intellectual or mental disability and gives examples of tasks • Allows landlord to ask tenant with service animal whether they have a physical or mental impairment that limits one or more life activities and a disability-related need for the animal and to request documentation of such 				
SOUTH DAKOTA	SB 43	redirect funding to a collaborative program in rural veterinary medical education and to provide tax revenue for the support of veterinary students.	90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 3/11/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For veterinary medical education, allows contractual agreements with University of Minnesota or future accredited institution to reserve spaces for students finishing up a degree • Requires at least 75% of veterinary institution grants to go to residents and requires at least 6 students a year to complete the graduate program and become a veterinarian within a year that lasts at least 4 years 				
TEXAS	HB 1828	Relating to prohibiting the sale and purchase of certain aquatic products; creating a criminal offense; increasing a criminal penalty.	9/1/19	Signed into law 5/23/19
The sale or other commercial activities of aquatic products is prohibited if in violation of federal or state law with a penalty of a Class B Parks and Wildlife Code misdemeanor fine of \$500+ if weighing 10-50# or \$1000+ for 50-100#, a Class A Parks and Wildlife Code misdemeanor of \$1500+ for 100-200# or \$2000+ for 200-300#, or a Parks and Wildlife Code state jail felony plus \$3000+ for 300-500# or \$4000+ for 500+				
TEXAS	HB 2584	Relating to the authority of a code enforcement officer performing official duties to possess or carry an instrument used for deterring an animal bite.	9/1/19	Signed into law 6/14/19
Exempts code enforcement officers carrying a club if they have a certificate of registration and possess/carry an instrument to deter animal bites while performing their duties or traveling there AND their education and continuing education must include procedure to follow when using such instrument				
TEXAS	SB 476	Relating to requirements for and municipal regulation of dogs in an outdoor dining area of a food service establishment.	9/1/19	Signed into law 6/4/19
Dogs are now allowed in outdoor seating area of food service establishments if the place posts a sign that dogs are welcome, customer and dog have access to area from outside, dogs do not enter the interior area, customer keeps dog leashed and under control, customer does not allow dog on seat/table/countertop, and food is not prepared in the area or it does not permit other open food – municipality may NOT pass stricter ordinance – does not affect service animals				

TEXAS	SB 1947	Relating to monitoring the ordering and distribution of controlled substances by veterinarians.	9/1/19	Signed into law 6/4/19
Requires reports sent to board from wholesale distributors of controlled substances are to be sent to State Board Veterinary Medical Examiners for routine inspections and investigations, AND starting 9/1/20, all veterinarians renewing their license must have 2 hours of continuing education on opioid abuse and controlled substances every 2 years				
TEXAS	SB 2100	Relating to the transfer of a retired county or municipal law enforcement animal.	Immediately	Signed into law 5/14/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows state agency or political subdivision to enter contract to transfer law enforcement dog, horse or other animal if determined to be suitable for transfer by veterinarian, handler and caretakers and is surplus due to being at the end of its working life or circumstances making it available earlier (death of or injuries to handler in line of duty or dog injured in line of duty) • Such animals may be transferred to a person capable of providing humane care and selected by agency head in the following order: 1) injured handler, 2) spouse, child, sibling or parent of deceased handler, 3) another former handler, 4) peace officer, county jailor or telecommunicator • If more than one person in a category requests it, the head of law enforcement or designee shall determine who is best • Contracts 1) may provide for free transfer, 2) must require humane care for the animal, complying with all relevant state and local laws, and notifying the state agency or political subdivision if no longer able to care for it, 3) must require agency or political subdivision to take back animal if transferee is unable to care for it or it determines that they can no longer care for it • Makes state agency or political subdivision immune from civil liability for damages caused by the animal and for veterinary expenses • Animals are NOT required to be transferred, the state agency or political subdivision still has authority to care for retired law enforcement animals, it does not waive sovereign or governmental liability due to transfer, and other surplus laws do not apply 				
TEXAS	SJR 32	Proposing a constitutional amendment to allow the transfer of a dog used for county law enforcement purposes to the dog's handler on the dog's retirement.	~	Passed Senate 4/16 - Adopted by House 4/25
Creates constitutional amendment for the 11/5/19 election that allows the legislature to authorize state agency, municipality, county, or other political subdivision to transfer a law enforcement dog, horse or other animal to the handler or other caretaker upon its retirement or when transfer is in animal's best interest				
UTAH	HB 144	State Reptile	60 days after adjournment	Signed into law 3/27/19
The Gila monster is now Utah's state reptile				
UTAH	S.B. 182	Injuries by Dogs Amendments	60 days after adjournment	Signed into law 3/21/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Damages for an injury by a dog shall be determined by the comparative negligence law and includes metro townships to those not liable for injury caused by law enforcement or similar dog 				

UTAH	S.B. 191	Equine Dentistry Amendments	60 days after adjournment	Signed into law 3/22/19
Exempts from needing a veterinarian license an individual performing equine teeth floating with International Association of Equine Dentistry or similar approved certification that only administers sedative under direct supervision of veterinarian				
VIRGINIA	HB 1625 Chapter 532	Animal care; adequate shelter, exposure to heat or cold	7/1/19	Signed into law 3/18/19
Revises adequate shelter to require it to be properly shaded and not readily conduct heat during hot weather and have a windbreak at the entrance and bedding such as straw, cedar shavings or equivalent sufficient to protect against cold and promote body heat retention				
VIRGINIA	HB 1626 Chapter 345	Animal fighting; presumption where fowl tethered	7/1/19	Signed into law 3/18/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows animal control to confiscate tethered cock determined to be for fighting • Any person convicted of animal fighting may be banned from owning all fowl not just cocks • Specifies that criminal charges are for all forms of listed animal fighting not just in combination with a list of other items 				
VIRGINIA	HB 1874 Chapter 346	relating to cruelty to animals; aggravated cruelty; penalty.	7/1/19	Signed into law 3/12/19
Moves torture, willfully inflicting inhumane injury or pain (not bona fide scientific or medical experimentation), beating, maiming, mutilating, and killing an animal to its own subdivision (ii), and if it results in serious bodily injury as defined, makes it a Class 6 felony				
VIRGINIA	HB 2256 Chapter 267	Animal remedies containing Cannabis plant; exemption.	7/1/19	Signed into law 3/8/19
Exempts animal remedies made from Cannabis plant from the animal remedy registration requirement and restrictions				
VIRGINIA	HB 2689 Chapter 258	Livestock definition; alpaca.	7/1/19	Signed into law 3/8/19
Alpacas and vicunas are now considered livestock				
VIRGINIA	HB 2745 Chapter 190	Dangerous dog; deferral of proceedings; removal of finding.	7/1/19	Signed into law 3/5/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows a court after hearing the evidence to defer further proceedings without entering an adjudication that it is a dangerous dog if it places specific conditions upon the dog's owner • If owner violates the conditions, the court may enter an adjudication that the animal is a dangerous dog and proceed; if the owner fulfills the conditions, the court shall dismiss proceedings without adjudication 				

VIRGINIA	SB 1025 Chapter 848	Tethering of animals; adequate shelter and space	7/1/19	Signed into law 4/29/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revises adequate shelter to require it to be properly shaded and not readily conduct heat during hot weather and have a windbreak at the entrance and bedding such as straw, cedar shavings or equivalent sufficient to protect against cold and promote body heat retention Revises adequate space so that a tether must now be the greater of 10' long or three times (3x) the length of the animal, not cause injury or pain due to its characteristics, not weigh more than 1/10 of the animal's body weight and not have heavy objects or weights attached Excludes walking an animal on a leash and agriculture from the tether law 				
VIRGINIA	SB 1367 Chapter 562	Dogs running at large in packs; local ordinance; civil penalty	7/1/19	Signed into law 3/18/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibits a locality from banning hunting dogs running at large Localities must pass ordinance in order to ban dogs running at large Owners of dogs found running at large in packs (running with at least one other dog) are subject to civil penalty up to \$100 per dog which shall be deposited to treasury of locality 				
VIRGINIA	SB 1462 Chapter 566	Comprehensive animal care; enforceable under Virginia Consumer Protection Act.	7/1/19	Signed into law 3/18/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pet dealers misrepresenting an animal's condition at its transfer is considered an unlawful practice under the Virginia Consumer Protection Act Pet dealers must now keep animal history certificates for 2 years 				
VIRGINIA	SB 1604 Chapter 537	Cruelty to animals; aggravated cruelty; penalty.	7/1/19	Signed into law 3/18/19
Same as HB 1874 - Moves torture, willfully inflicting inhumane injury or pain (not bona fide scientific or medical experimentation), beating, maiming, mutilating, and killing an animal to its own subdivision (ii), and if it results in serious bodily injury as defined, makes it a Class 6 felony				
WASHINGTON	HB 1026 Chapter 199	Concerning breed-based dog regulations	1/1/20	Signed into law 4/30/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A city or county may not prohibit the possession of, impose requirements specific to the possession of, or declare a dog dangerous or potentially dangerous based on its breed unless it has established and maintains a process for exempting a dog for passing the AKC canine good citizen or similar test permitted by the county/city Dogs that pass are exempt for 2 years and must retest after that to maintain their exemption Dog that fail are given a reasonable period of time to retest Documenting a dog's breed and/or appearance for identification while declaring a dog dangerous or potentially dangerous is allowed Specifies that dog only includes pure domestic dogs and not hybrids 				

WASHINGTON	HB 1516 Chapter 226	Establishing a department of fish and wildlife directed nonlethal program for the purpose of training dogs.	7/28/19	Signed into law 4/30/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission must adopt a process and criteria to select those who can be agents of the state to use dogs to hunt or pursue black bear, cougar or bobcat to protect livestock, domestic animals, private property or public safety and administer a program to train them • Removes ban on hunting lynx with dogs • Commission no longer required to post cougar interactions with humans, pets and livestock on their website 				
WASHINGTON	HB 1919 Chapter 174	Preventing and responding to animal abuse.	7/28/19	Signed into law 4/29/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stealing an animal or being involved with animal fighting paraphernalia for animal fighting is now considered committing the offense of animal fighting • Intentionally mutilating an animal for animal fighting is now a Class B felony • Taking and then abandoning an animal involved in fighting that results in bodily harm or imminent risk of harm is now animal cruelty in the 2nd degree 				
WASHINGTON	SB 5000 Chapter 140	Concerning online access to health care resources for veterinarians and veterinary technicians	7/28/19	Signed into law 4/26/19
Up to an additional \$25 fee may be collected for veterinarian and veterinary technician licensees for them to gain online access to health care resources of the University of Washington				
WASHINGTON	SB 5004 Chapter 142	Allowing animal care and control agencies and nonprofit humane societies to provide additional veterinary services to low-income households.	7/28/19	Signed into law 4/26/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal care and control agencies and 501(c)(3) nonprofit humane societies may now provide unlimited veterinary services to low-income households (was previously only for electronic ID, surgical sterilization and vaccinations), emergency care for unexpected, serious situation that requires prompt action to prevent death or permanent injury (previously subject to local ordinance time limits), and sick animal care for 30 days • Requires their veterinary medicine clerks to be licensed and meet the veterinary board of governors' rules • Requires veterinary board of governors to create annual reporting rules to ensure that only low-income households are being served 				

WASHINGTON	SB 5212 Chapter 184	Concerning the adoption of dogs and cats used for science or research purposes.	7/28/19	Signed into law 4/29/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Homes for Animal Heroes Act” • Higher education facilities that receive public money or tax-exempt status and facilities collaborating with them using dogs or cats for research that are no longer needed must have veterinarian access their suitability for adoption and offer it for adoption through their own adoption program or through an animal care and control agency or rescue group • Such animal care and control agencies and rescues groups are not required to accept an animal, and the higher education facility is not required to offer an animal for adoption before the research is complete • Higher education facility is immune from civil liability for such adoptions except for wanton and willful misconduct 				
WASHINGTON	SB 5959 Chapter 92	Revising livestock identification law.	7/28/19	Signed into law 4/19/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revises livestock advisory committee membership and adds meeting periods, quorum, and removal process • Increases livestock brand application fee (establishes new requirements), livestock inspection fees, and certified feed lot license • Requires list of field livestock inspectors and requires training and adds process for revocation certifications along with veterinarians inspecting livestock 				
WEST VIRGINIA	HB 3021 Chapter 131	Relating to the disposition of permit fees, registration fees and civil penalties imposed against thoroughbred horse racing licensees	6/3/19	Signed into law 4/11/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makes civil penalties against thoroughbred horse racing licenses be put into a fund for postmortem exams of euthanized thoroughbreds that suffered breakdowns on the track, in training or during competition or that expire while in the track stables, and at the end of year, makes any balance over \$10,000 minus obligations to be equally divided toward: 1) rescue, retraining, rehabilitation and aftercare of retired thoroughbred racehorses and 2) hospitalization, medical care and funeral expenses due to injuries or death of thoroughbred racing permit holder (previously was only for #2) • Makes civil penalties against greyhound racing permit holders to go toward greyhound adoption 				
WEST VIRGINIA	SB 187 Chapter 163	Racing Commission rule relating to thoroughbred racing	3/26/19	Signed into law 3/26/19
Adopts Racing Commission legislative rule				
WEST VIRGINIA	SB 199 Chapter 164	Authorizing certain miscellaneous agencies and boards promulgate legislative rules	3/8/19	Signed into law 3/22/19
Adopts Commissioner of Agriculture rules regarding animal diseases and captive cervid farming				

WYOMING	HB 73 Chapter 62	Use of dogs-recovery of killed or wounded big game.	7/1/19	Signed into law 2/21/19
Allows one up to 50' leashed blood-trailing dog to track a wounded or killed big game animal within 72 hours of shooting it if person is wearing fluorescent orange or pink, and allows the killing of the animal by any lawful means if coupon is attached (dog handler is exempt from licensing)				
WYOMING	HB 134 Chapter 148	Livestock brands-amendments.	7/1/19	Signed into law 2/27/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Livestock brands may now be permanently recorded under the process listed instead of every 10 years • For the rest, rerecording notices may be sent electronically • Livestock brands may not be considered abandoned until after 2 years (was 1) and only after a notice to the brand address at least 6 months before which allows the party to rerecord all brands under a prorated fee • Rerecording period is now limited to 10 years and allows fee to be prorated for early rerecording • Delinquent brands may be paid in full at time of brand inspection 				
WYOMING	HB 235 Chapter 181	Care of animals.	7/1/19	Signed into law 3/8/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Misdemeanor cruelty to animals no longer requires an intent to cause death, injury or undue suffering • Felony animal cruelty no longer requires the death or euthanasia of an animal • Aggravated animal cruelty now only applies if it led to death or euthanasia of animal • Use of animals other than livestock in agriculture is exempt along with rodeos at fairs and agricultural exhibitions and killing predatory or other wildlife in accordance with law • If court issues a protection order, it can grant sole possession of a household pet owned by the petitioner, respondent or minor child to the petitioner during the order to protect the pet including prohibiting respondent from having contact with the pet 				
WYOMING	SF 50 Chapter 58	State amphibian.	Immediately	Signed into law 2/21/19
The blotched tiger salamander is now the state amphibian of Wyoming				
WYOMING	SF 66 Chapter 182	Livestock enforcement-reimbursement	7/1/19 (rules immediately)	Signed into law 3/8/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is now a livestock law enforcement account administered by the livestock board to reimburse county sheriffs for in-state and out-of-state livestock investigations and train law enforcement on livestock enforcement • Appropriates \$250,000 for account • Requires report to joint agriculture, public lands and water resources interim committee and the joint appropriations committee by 10/1/19 				