

Attorneys for Animals Legislative Tracker (2017-18 Session to January 20, 2018)

MICHIGAN				
Bill Number	Brief Description	Recent Action	AFA Action	Notes
HB 4025 (HB 5670 in '15-16)	Increase penalties for animal neglect in presence of minor; Rep. Kosowski	1/12/17 Introduced; referred to Comm on Law and Justice	AFA voted to support	
HB 4026	DV prevention & treatment, includes animals; Rep. Kosowski	1/12/17 Introduced; referred to Comm on Law and Justice	AFA voted to support	
HJR G; SJR G	Constitutional Right to Hunt; Rep. Vaupel, Sen. Hildenbrand	2/9/17 Introduced and referred to House Judiciary, 4/25 reported with recommendation without amendment; 3/8/17 Introduced, referred to Senate Outdoor Rec & Tourism	AFA voted to oppose	
HB 4332 4333 (S 29,30 in 2015-16); companion to S276, 77	Strengthen animal cruelty laws, provides graduated penalties; Rep. Brann	3/8/17 Introduced; referred to Comm on Law and Justice; 5/30 referred with recommendation without amendment, to committee of the whole; passed House on roll call vote 90-15, 11/29 Senate: 1/16/18: Judiciary Committee hearing; 1/17: reported favorably w/o amendment	AFA voted to support; submitted testimony and testified at House Law and Justice hearing on 5/9; submitted testimony to Senate Judiciary Comm on 1/16/18	
S 276, 77 (S 29,30 in 2015-16); companion to HB 4332, 33	same as above; Sen. Bieda (276); Jones (277)	3/28/17 Introduced; 4/27: 276--referred to committee of whole w/ S-1; 277--referred to committee of whole	AFA voted to, and wrote letter in, support	
HB 4441, 4442, 4443	cross-reporting: ACOs must report child abuse and CPS must report animal abuse; Rep's. Kosowski, Lucido, Leutheuser	3/30/17 Introduced; referred to Judiciary Comm	AFA voted to support with recommendations	
SB 301	Revisions to animal fighting, neglect and cruelty statute to more clearly exempt farming/ag/livestock	4/18/17 Introduced; referred to Judiciary Comm; 5/10: reported favorably w/o amendment, referred to Committee of the Whole	AFA voted to oppose change to exemption language; submitted letter at hearing	
SB 316	Repeals law protecting frogs from being hunted at certain times of yr, from being speared using artificial light; Sen. Booher	4/25/17 Introduced; referred to Nat. Resources Comm; hearing 5/24; reported favorably without amendment 5/25; passed Senate 6/8; referred to House Nat. Resources Comm. 6/8; hearing 10/11; substitute bill (H-2) reported favorably without amendment 11/1; passed House on roll call vote 69-39, 11/30	AFA voted to oppose; submitted testimony and attended hearings in both Senate, House Natural Resources Committee 5/24 and 10/11	

SB 413, 414	Mandatory minimum for animal fighting; Sen. O'Brien (also Jones, Bieda, Hertel, Knollenberg, Rocca, Brandenburg)	5/20/2017 Introduced; referred to Judiciary Comm; 6/6 hearing; 6/8 reported favorably without amendment	AFA voted to support; submitted testimony and testified at 6/6 hearing	
SB 416	Adoption of dogs seized for fighting; Sen. Rocca (was 4765 of 2015)	5/31/2017 Introduced; referred to Judiciary; 6/6 hearing; 6/8 reported favorably without amendment	AFA voted to support; submitted testimony and testified at 6/6 hearing	
SB 496 to 500	Leaving animals unattended in vehicles is crime; revises sentencing guidelines; 498-500 are housekeeping to update other statutes); Sen. Hertel	6/28/2017 Introduced, referred to Judiciary	AFA voted to support; recommend a companion bill be introduced that would allow "Good Samaritans" to rescue animals in danger	
HB 4813	New training procedures, requirements to administer euthanasia drugs to animals; Rep. Vaupel	7/12/2017 Introduced, referred to Reg Reform; 10/25 hearing; reported with recommendation without amendment 11/1	AFA voted to support; submitted testimony and testified at 10/25 hearing	
HR 154	Resolution to encourage the Natural Resources Commission to add the Sandhill crane to the game species list; Rep. Lower	9/20/2017 Introduced, referred to Natural Resources; 10/11 hearing; reported with recommendation and without amendment; passed House on voice vote 10/18	AFA voted to oppose; submitted testimony and testified at 10/4 hearing	
HB 5063, 5064	Leaving animals unattended in vehicles is crime (companion to SB 496); Reps. Green, Yaroch	10/5/2017 Introduced; referred to Law and Justice	[see SB 496-500, above]	
HB 5069	Shelter pet is official pet of state; Rep. Brann	10/5/2017 Introduced; referred to Gov. Ops.	AFA voted to support	
SR 105	Resolution calling on Congress to remove western Great Lakes wolf population from endangered, threatened list; Sen. Casperson	10/11/2017 Introduced; rules suspended; referred to Natural Resources; 10/18 hearing; reported with recommendation and without amendment	AFA voted to oppose; submitted testimony and testified at 10/18 hearing	
HB 5188	Amends 206.30 to provide deduction on MI income tax for costs, care, maintenance of service dog; Rep. Gay-Dagnogo	10/26/2017 Introduced; referred to Tax Policy Comm.	under review by AFA board	
HJR Y	Propose constitutional amendment to exempt prescription drugs or food for use or consumption by a service animal from sales, use tax; Rep. Gay-Dagnogo	10/26/2017 Introduced; referred to Tax Policy Comm.; 12/1: sponsor said to be withdrawing resolution	under review by AFA board	

S 648	Regulation of Pet Insurance, with disclosure of exclusions and limits of policies; Sen. Bieda	11/2/2017 Introduced; referred to Insurance Committee	under review by AFA board	
S 660	delays effective date for animal care standards for egg-laying hens; provides for enforcement; Sen. Meekhof	11/9/2017 Introduced; referred to Ag Committee; 12/12 hearing; reported favorably without amendment	AFA voted to support; submitted letter at hearing	
HB 5277	Civil fine for driving while dog in driver's lap; Rep. Garrett	11/28/2017 Introduced; referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	AFA voted to support	
HB 5281	Regulates training of assistance animals and their trainers, "Assistance animal" means a service animal, emotional support animal, or therapy animal"; Rep. Lucido	11/28/2017 Introduced by Rep. Lucido; referred to Ag Committee	under review by AFA board	
SB 663	Regulates certification of "emotional support animals" and penalizes violations; Sen. MacGregor	11/28/2017 Introduced by Sen. MacGregor; referred to Local Government Committee	under review by AFA board	
SB 708, 709	Amends Dangerous Dog law, categories become "vicious" and "dangerous" Local Government prohibited from anti-BSL legislation; Sen. Schmidt (also Knezek, Robertson, Bieda)	12/5/2017 Introduced; referred to Judiciary Committee	under review by AFA board	SB 708 amends sentencing guidelines; tie-bar w 709. Section 7 adds anti-BSL, but see SB 741
SB 710	Revise 750.49 re Dog Fighting crimes to provide for evaluation, adoption of dogs used for fighting; Sen. Knezek	12/5/2017 Introduced; referred to Judiciary Comm.	under review by AFA board	See SB 413, 414, 416
HB 5321	Prevents DNR from issuing permits to sterilize "game"; Rep. Cole	12/5/2017 Introduced; referred to Natural Resources Committee; 1/17/18 hearing, took some testimony; adjourned to 1/24	AFA voted to oppose; submitted testimony; attended Nat. Res. Committee hearing 1/17; will attend 1/24	
HB 5356	Dog License can include designation as service, emotional support animal; misdemeanor to fraudulently claim status; Rep. Lucido	12/13/2017 Introduced; referred to Ag Committee	under review by AFA board	
HB 5357	Amend Civil Rights Act re issuance of identification and patches for service animals; Rep. Lucido; TIE BAR WITH: HB 5281	12/13/2017 Introduced; referred to Ag Committee	under review by AFA board	

SB 741	New act to prevent BSL by local governments; Sen. Robertson	1/10/2018 Introduced; referred to Judiciary Committee		See SB 709 which also includes similar anti BSL provision by same sponsor
FEDERAL (<i>SELECT</i>)				
H.Res. 30	Condemn Yulin Dog Meat Festival	1/6/2017; referred to Foreign Affairs	AFA voted to support	
H.R. 909	Pet and Women Safety Act	2/7/2017; referred to Judiciary and to Ag	AFA voted to support	
S. 322	Pet and Women Safety Act	2/7/2017; introduced by Sen. Peters; referred to Ag Comm	AFA voted to support	
S.503	Animal Welfare Accountability and Transparency Act; requires USDA to maintain, make available Animal Welfare Act records; Sen. Peters	3/2/17; Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance	AFA voted to support with recommendations	
H.R. 1406	Dog and Cat Meat Trade Prohibition Act; amends AWA to prohibit slaughter of dogs, cats for human consumption; Rep. Trott	3/7/2017; referred to House Ag	AFA voted to support	