Attorneys for Animals Legislative Tracker (2017-18 Session to June 6, 2018)

MICHIGAN

Bill Number	Description	Actions	AFA Action	Notes
<u>HB 5277</u>	Civil fine for driving while dog in driver's lap; Rep. Garrett	11/28/2017 Introduced; referred to Transportation and Infrastructure	Support	
HB 5281	Regulates training of assistance animals and their trainers; Rep. Lucido	11/28/2017 Introduced by Rep. Lucido; referred to Ag	Oppose with recommendatons	See HB 5356, 5357
<u>SB 663</u>	Regulates certification of "emotional support animals" and penalizes violations; Sen. MacGregor	11/28/2017 Introduced by Sen. MacGregor; referred to Local Government	Oppose with recommendatons	
SB 708, 709	Amends Dangerous Dog law, revises procedure and penalties; 3 categories ("vicious," "dangerous" dogs; "dangerous" animals); Introduced by Sen. Schmidt (also Knezek, Robertson, Bieda)	12/5/2017 Introduced; referred to Judiciary; 2/20/2018 hearing, adjourned; 3/8 reported favorably without amendment	Support; submitted testimony and testified at 2/20 hearing	
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; 2/20/2018 hearing, adjourned; 3/8 reported favorably without amendment	Support; submitted testimony and testified at 2/20 hearing	See SB 413, 414, 416
<u>HB 5321</u>	Prevents DNR from issuing permits to sterilize "game"; Rep. Cole	12/5/2017 Introduced; referred to Natural Resources; 1/17/18, 1/24 hearings, took testimony; subcommittee appointed, which proposed substitute H-1; 3/21: reported with recommendation with substitute H-1; 4/17: passed House on roll call vote, 69-40. Senate: 4/18, referred to Natural Resources; 5/23, 5/30 testimony taken	Oppose; submitted testimony; attended House Natural Resources hearing 1/17, attended and testified at 1/24 hearing; 5/23: submitted testimony at Senate Natural Resources hearing	Subcommittee members: Reps Vander Wall (chair); Bellino; Cambensy
<u>HB 5356</u>	Dog License can include designation as service, emotional support animal; misdemeanor to fraudulently claim status; Rep. Lucido; tie bar with HB 5281	12/13/2017 Introduced; referred to Ag	Oppose with recommendatons	
<u>HB 5357</u>	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	Oppose with recommendatons	

<u>SB 741</u>	New act to prevent BSL by local governments; Sen. Robertson	1/10/2018 Introduced; referred to Judiciary; 2/20 hearing, adjourned; 3/8 reported favorably without amendment; 4/12, passed Senate, YEAS 22 NAYS 13 EXCUSED 2. House: 4/12 referred to Local Government	Support; submitted testimony and testified at 2/20 hearing	
<u>HB 5441</u>	Amends Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to add the following: THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT EXPEND STATE FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF MANAGING THE WOLF POPULATION IN THIS STATE; Rep. LaFave	1/24/2018 introduced; referred to Natural Resources	Oppose	
<u>HB 5645</u>	Amends Revised Judicature Act to add definition for "Courtroom Support Dog" to allow witnesses to have these dogs present during testimony; Rep. Barrett	2/27/2018 introduced; referred to Judiciary; 4/17 testimony taken; 5/1 reported with recommendation and without amendment; 5/15, passed House, 107-1. Senate: 5/16, referred to Judiciary; 5/29 hearing; 5/30 reported favorably without amendment	Support in concept with suggested amendments; attended 5/29 hearing and submitted "neutral" position	
<u>HB 5711</u>	Remove age limit to hunt on public lands; Rep. Cole	3/13/2018 introduced; referred to Natural Resources; 4/11 testimony taken; 4/25, reported with recommendation and without amendment; 5/2 passed House, Yeas 102 Nays 7. Senate: 5/3 referred to Outdoor Recreation and Tourism	Under review	
HB 5778	Amends Large Carnivore Act, to expand the number of entities that can own, breed and transfer these animals; Rep. Albert	4/10/2018 introduced; referred to Agriculture; 4/11 testimony taken; 5/23, reported with recommendation and with substitute H-3	Oppose; submitted testimony at 4/11 hearing	
HB 5916	Revises pet shop act to define "qualified pet shop" which is allowed to sell dogs obtained from large scale breeders; Rep. Vaupel	5/1/2018 introduced; referred to Agriculture; 5/2 and 5/16 testimony taken; 5/16, and reported with recommendation and with substitute H-2	Oppose; submitted testimony at 5/2 hearing and testified at 5/2 and 5/16 hearings	5916, 5917 referred to as "Puppy Mill Bills" and are generated much opposition
HB 5917	Preempts local governments from regulating "qualifed" pet shops, <i>tie-bar</i> with HB 5916; Rep. Vaupel	5/1/2018 introduced; referred to Agriculture; 5/2 and 5/16 testimony taken; 5/16, and reported with recommendation and with substitute H-2	Oppose; submitted testimony at 5/2 hearing and testified at 5/2 and 5/16 hearings	5916, 5917 referred to as "Puppy Mill Bills" and are generated much opposition

HB 6029	Amends 750.50 to allow appointment of an advocate (either a law student or lawyer), in criminal prosecutions related to the treatment, or the welfare or custody, of animals, to represent the interests of the animal or the interests of justice; Rep. Hammoud	5/17/2018 introduced; referred to Agriculture	Under review	
<u>HB 6030</u>	Amends Public Health Code to require veterinarians to distribute informational materials about declawing and its side effects, before performing the procedure; materials to be developed by Veterinary Board; Rep. Rahbi	5/17/2018 introduced; referred to Agriculture	Under review	
<u>HB 6031</u>	Amends Public Health Code to require veterinarian determine devocalization procedure is for therapeutic purpose, before performing the procedure; Rep. Sneller	5/17/2018 introduced; referred to Agriculture	Under review	
HB 6032	New act, amending 750.50 to ban private ownership of non human primates; imposes misdemeanor penalties; Rep. Ellison	5/17/2018 introduced; referred to Agriculture	Under review	
HB 6033	Requires carrier pigeon permit applicants to comply with all local ordinances; Rep. Liberati	5/17/2018 introduced; referred to Agriculture	Under review	
HB 6034	Amends 750.50 to make it a crime to perform or permit devocalization on an animal without determination by a veterinarian that procedure is for therapeutic purpose; tie-bar with HB 6031; Rep. Gay-Dagnogo	5/17/2018 introduced; referred to Agriculture	Under review	
<u>HB 6050</u>	Amends Large Carnivore Act, to allow those entities currently operating bear petting zoos, to breed up to 4 black bears annually; Rep. Lauwers	5/17/2018 introduced; referred to Agriculture; 5/23 testimony taken; 6/6 reported with recommendation with substitute H-1	Oppose; submitted testimony at 5/23 hearing	