

Attorneys for Animals Legislative Tracker (2017-18 Session to August 4, 2018)

MICHIGAN				
Bill Number	Description	Actions	AFA Action	Notes
HB 4025	Increase penalties for animal neglect in presence of minor; Rep. Kosowski	1/12/17 Introduced; referred to Law and Justice	Support	HB 5670 in 2015-16 legislative session
HB 4026	DV prevention & treatment, includes animals; Rep. Kosowski	1/12/17 Introduced; referred to Law and Justice	Support	
SJR G	Constitutional Right to Hunt; Sen. Hildenbrand	2/9/17 Introduced and referred to Outdoor Rec & Tourism	Oppose	
HB 4332; companion to SB 276	Strengthen animal cruelty laws, provides graduated penalties; Rep. Brann	3/8/17 Introduced; referred to Law and Justice; 5/30 reported with recommendation and without amendment; 11/29: substitute H-3 passed House on roll call vote 90-15. Senate: 1/16/18: Judiciary Committee hearing; 1/18: reported favorably w/o amendment	Support; submitted testimony and testified at House Law and Justice hearing on 5/9/17; submitted testimony to Senate Judiciary on 1/16/18	SB 29, 30 in 2015-16 legislative session
HB 4333, companion to SB 277	Revise sentencing guidelines, <i>tie-bar with HB 4332</i> ; Rep. Brann	3/8/17 Introduced; referred to Law and Justice; 5/30 reported with recommendation and without amendment; 11/29: substitute H-1 passed House on roll call vote 90-17. Senate: 1/16/18: Judiciary Committee hearing; 1/18: reported favorably w/o amendment	Support, submitted testimony and testified at House Law and Justice hearing on 5/9/17; submitted testimony to Senate Judiciary on 1/16/18	
SB 276, 277; companion to HB 4332, 33	Same as above; Sen. Bieda (276); Jones (277)	3/28/17 Introduced; 4/27/17: 276--reported favorably with substitute S-1; 277--reported favorably without amendment	Support; submitted letter at hearing	SB 29, 30 in 2015-16 legislative session
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	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; 5/10: reported favorably without amendment, referred to Committee of the Whole	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; hearing 5/24; passed Senate, 29-8-1, 6/8; referred to House Nat. Resources 6/8; H-2) passed House, 69-39, 11/30; Senate concurred 30-8, 2/1/18; Gov. signed 2/14; assigned PA20'18 with immediate effect 2/15	Oppose; submitted testimony and attended hearings in both Senate, House Natural Resources Committee 5/24 and 10/11	PA20'18
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; 6/6 hearing; 6/8 reported favorably without amendment	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	Support; submitted testimony and testified at 6/6 hearing	
SB 496, 497	496: Leaving animals unattended in vehicles is crime; 497: revises sentencing guidelines, <i>tie-bar with 496</i> ; Sen. Hertel (496); Jones (497)	6/28/2017 Introduced, referred to Judiciary; 5/29/18 hearing; 5/30 reported favorably with substitute S-1 (496) and without amendment (497)	Support; recommend a companion bill be introduced that would allow "Good Samaritans" to rescue animals in danger; submitted testimony and testified at 5/29 hearing	6/2018: some indication "Good Samaritan" bill may be introduced
HB 4813	New training procedures, requirements to administer euthanasia drugs to animals; Rep. Vaupel	7/12/2017 Introduced, referred to Reg Reform; passed House 11/9; S-1 passed Senate 2/1/18; House concurred 2/6/18; Gov. signed 2/20; assigned PA34'18 with immediate effect 2/22	Support; submitted testimony and testified at 10/25 hearing	PA34'18
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	Oppose; submitted testimony and testified at 10/4 hearing	adopted 10/18/17
HB 5063, 5064	Leaving animals unattended in vehicles is crime (companion to SB 496); <i>5064 is tie-bar with 5063</i> ; 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. Howrylak	10/5/2017 Introduced; referred to Gov. Ops.	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 10/19	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	Support	
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; 12/1	under review	sponsor said to be withdrawing resolution
SB 648	Regulation of Pet Insurance, with disclosure of exclusions and limits of policies; Sen. Bieda	11/2/2017 Introduced; referred to Insurance	Support with recommendations	
SB 660	delays effective date for animal care standards for egg-laying hens; provides for enforcement; Sen. Meekhof	11/9/2017 Introduced; referred to Ag; 12/12 hearing; reported favorably without amendment; substitute bill passed Senate on roll call vote -- YEAS 32; NAYS 5; EXCUSED 1; NOT VOTING 0, 1/31/2018. Referred to House Gov Ops 1/31	Support; submitted letter at hearing	Substitute bill weakens language on legislative findings regarding negative impacts of eggs from hens not kept under animal care standards
HB 5277	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
SB 663	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

HB 5321	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
HB 5356	Dog License can include designation as service, emotional support animal; misdemeanor to fraudulently claim status; Rep. Lucido; <i>tie bar with HB 5281</i>	12/13/2017 Introduced; referred to Ag	Oppose with recommendatons	
HB 5357	Amend Civil Rights Act re issuance of identification and patches for service animals; Rep. Lucido; <i>tie bar with HB 5281</i>	12/13/2017 Introduced; referred to Ag	Oppose with recommendatons	
SB 741	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	
HB 5441	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	
HB 5645	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; 6/12, passed Senate YEAS 36 NAYS 0 EXCUSED 1; 6/25, presented to Governor; 6/28, approved by Governor	Support in concept with suggested amendments; attended 5/29 hearing and submitted "neutral" position	PA 282'18

HB 5711	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; 6/12 substitute H-5 passed house, Yeas 55 Nays 54. Senate: 6/12 referred to Agriculture	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 "qualified" pet shops; Rep. Vaupel; <i>tie-bar with HB 5916</i>	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	Support	
HB 6030	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	Support	
HB 6031	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	Support	

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; Rep. Gay-Dagnogo; <i>tie-bar with HB 6031</i> ;	5/17/2018 introduced; referred to Agriculture	Support	
HB 6050	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; 6-12 substitute H-1 passed House Yeas 63 Nays 46. Senate: 6/12 referred to Agriculture	Oppose; submitted testimony at 5/23 hearing	
HB 6182	Amends Large Carnivore Act; seems to be house-cleaning; Rep. Ellison	6/12/2018 introduced; referred to Agriculture	Under review	
HB 6205	Major overhaul of Animal Industry Act (AIA); Rep Lauwers	6/12/2018 introduced; referred to Agriculture	Under review	6206-6214, 6216 are tie-barred with 6205
HB 6206	Definitions in AIA; wildlife deprecation act; Rep. Howell; <i>tie bar with HB 6205</i>	6/12/2018 introduced; referred to Agriculture	Under review	
HB 6207	Definitions in Ag Commodities marketing act; Rep. Victory; <i>tie bar with HB 6205</i>	6/12/2018 introduced; referred to Agriculture	Under review	
HB 6208	Definition in licensing of livestock dealers; Rep. Alexander; <i>tie bar with HB 6205</i>	6/12/2018 introduced; referred to Agriculture	Under review	
HB 6209	definition of livestock in penal code, 750.50, 750.50b; Rep. Vaupel; <i>tie bar with HB 6205</i>	6/12/2018 introduced; referred to Agriculture	Under review	
HB 6210	sentencing guidelines for violations of AIA; Rep. Vaupel; <i>tie bar with HB 6205</i>	6/12/2018 introduced; referred to Agriculture	Under review	
HB 6211	Definition of livestock in wolf-dog cross act; Rep. Wentworth; <i>tie bar with HB 6205</i>	6/12/2018 introduced; referred to Agriculture	Under review	
HB 6212	Reference to AIA in act governing ferrets; Rep. Calley; <i>tie bar with HB 6205</i>	6/12/2018 introduced; referred to Agriculture	Under review	

HB 6213	Reference to AIA in general property tax; Rep. Barrett; <i>tie bar with HB 6205</i>	6/12/2018 introduced; referred to Agriculture	Under review	
HB 6214	Definition of livestock in Large Carnivore Act; Rep. Frederick; <i>tie bar with HB 6205</i>	6/12/2018 introduced; referred to Agriculture	Under review	
HB 6216	Reference to AIA in Aquaculture Act; Rep. Cole; <i>tie bar with HB 6205</i>	6/12/2018 introduced; referred to Agriculture	Under review	
HB 6255	Amends dog fighting law, 750.49, to include "other thing of value" in prohibition on profiting from dog fights; Rep. Marino	6/12/2018 introduced; referred to Law and Justice	Under review	

FEDERAL (SELECT)				
Bill Number	Brief Description	Recent Action	AFA Action	Notes
H.Res. 30	Condemn Yulin Dog Meat Festival	1/6/2017; referred to Foreign Affairs	AFA voted to support	175 co-sponsors
H.R. 909	Pet and Women Safety Act	2/7/2017; referred to Judiciary and Ag	AFA voted to support	247 co-sponsors
S. 322	Pet and Women Safety Act	2/7/2017; introduced by Sen. Peters; referred to Ag Comm	AFA voted to support	38 co-sponsors
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	9 co-sponsors
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	245 co-sponsors
H.R. 4879	King Amendment to Farm Bill (H.R. 2), would force states to authorize the sale of "any agricultural product" not prohibited under federal law; prevents many animal welfare provisions that have passed by states.	1/25/2018: introduced in House; 5/18, Farm Bill, including King Amendment, defeated 198-213; 6/22, passed 213-211. King Amendment not in Senate Farm Bill. Both Senate, House have appointed conference committees to resolve differences	AFA voted to oppose	5 co-sponsors