

Attorneys for Animals Legislative Tracker (2017-18 Session to September 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	
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	
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 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	
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	
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	Support with recommendations	
HB 6033	Requires carrier pigeon permit applicants to comply with all local ordinances; Rep. Liberati	5/17/2018 introduced; referred to Agriculture	No position	

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; CORRECTS TYPO IN ORIG BILL PREVENTING AZA ZOOS FROM BREEDING; Rep. Ellison	6/12/2018 introduced; referred to Agriculture	Support	
HB 6205	Major overhaul of Animal Industry Act (AIA); Rep Lauwers; related bills amend various statutes and are tie- barred to 6205 (HB 6206-6214, and 6216)	6/12/2018 introduced; referred to Agriculture	Neutral pending further 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	Support	

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; 6/13/2018 made part of Senate Farm Bill; Senate, House conferees are resolving differences between the two versions of the bill	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. Senate, House conferees are resolving differences between the two versions of the bill	AFA voted to oppose	5 co-sponsors