

Attorneys for Animals Legislative Tracker (2019-2020 Session to May 17, 2019)

MICHIGAN

Bill #	Description	Actions	AFA Action	Notes
HB 4035	New act to prohibit local government regulating dog based on breed/perceived breed; Rep. Ellison + 9 others (bipartisan)	1/15/2019 Introduced, referred to Local Gov't (3 sponsors on committee)	Support	SB 741, 2017-18 Session (AFA supported)
SB 0012	Amends Horse Racing law of 1995, creates a new class of license, third party facilitator licenses, to facilitate wagering on simulcast and live horse racing; Sen. Lauwers	1/15/2019 Introduced, referred to Ag	Oppose	
SB 0037	Allow feeding, baiting deer, elk; Sen. VanderWall	1/16/2019 introduced, referred to Nat Res; 4/10, 5/15 hearings (testimony, no vote)	Oppose, submitted written testimony at 4/10 committee hearing	See HB 4439, although not companion bill
HB 4092	Amends code of criminal procedure to provide immunity from prosecution for forcible entry into a motor vehicle to rescue animal; Rep. LaFave + 8 others (bipartisan)	1/24/2019 introduced, referred to Judiciary (3 sponsors on committee)	Support with recommendations	HB 6298 2017-18 session (AFA supported); also see SB 496, 497, 2017-18 session, making it a crime to leave animal in vehicle (AFA supported w/ recommendation)

SB 0063	Provides deduction for costs, care, maintenance of service animal; Sen. Alexander + 4 others	1/24/2019 introduced, referred to Finance (2 sponsors on committee)	Support with recommendations	HB 5188, 2017-18 session (AFA supported)
HB 4102	Amends dog fighting law to include "other thing of value" in prohibition on profiting from dog fights (part of package revising penal code to encompass cryptocurrency); Rep. Marino + 4 others (bipartisan)	1/29/2019 introduced, referred to Finance (3 sponsors on committee); 3/13, referred to Judiciary; 3/19, reported with recommendation and without amendment; 4/9, passed, given immediate effect Roll Call # 37 Yeas 108 Nays 1; 4/10 referred to Senate Judiciary	Support; submitted written testimony at 3/19 hearing	HB 6255, 2017-18 session (AFA supported)
SB 0174	Overhaul of Animal Industry Act; related bills amend various statutes, are tie- barred to 0174 (SB 0175-0183); Sen. Daley + 4 others (bipartisan)	3/7/2019 introduced, referred to Agriculture (4 of 5 sponsors on committee)	Oppose because it repeals Sec. 46 of Act, which phases out 3 egregious confinement agriculture practices	HB 6205, 2017-18 session (AFA opposed certain provisions of bill and process which excluded animal advocates in process; bill vetoed due to egg-laying hen provisions)
HB 4340	Revises "hunter harrassment law" to criminalize recording hunter/fisher with intent to harrass; Rep. Reilly + 4 others	3/12/2019 introduced, referred to Nat Res (2 of 4 sponsors on committee); 5/21, committee hearing scheduled	Oppose	
SR 0030	Encourages NRC to add Sandhill crane as game species; Sen Zorn + 6 others (bipartisan)	4/9/2019 introduced, referred to Nat Res (1 sponsor on committee); 4/24, reported with recommendation and without amendment; 4/25, placed on Order of Resolutions	Oppose; submitted testimony and testified at 4/24 hearing	

HB 4439	Allows feeding of wildlife, birds under certain circumstances; Rep. Cole	4/9/2019 introduced, referred to Nat Res	Support	See SB 37, although not companion bill
HR 0061	Encourages NRC to add Sandhill crane as game species; Rep. Lower + 6 others (bipartisan)	4/10/2019 introduced, referred to Nat Res (2 sponsors on committee)	Oppose	HR 154 2017-18 session (AFA opposed)
HB 4455	Designates the shelter pet as the official state pet; Rep. Kuppa + 9 others (bipartisan)	4/16/2019 introduced, referred to Gov Ops	Support	HB 5069 in 2017-18 session; AFA supported
SR 0038	Encourages USFWS to de-list gray wolves, turn over to state management; Sen. McBroom + 6 others	4/23/2019 introduced, rules suspended, referred to Nat Res (2 of 7 sponsors on committee, including chair); 4/24 hearing, reported favorably w/o amendment/ 4/25, placed on Order of Resolutions	Oppose, submitted testimony and testified at 4/24 hearing	See HR 0087
HB 4496	Requires research facilities to offer animals no longer used for research to animal protection shelters for adoption, and to report to MDARD; Rep. Hertel + 14 others (bipartisan)	4/24/2019 introduced, referred to Reg Reform	Support	
HR 0087	Encourages USFWS to de-list gray wolves, turn over to state management; Rep. Markannen + 16 others (16 R, 1 D)	5/2/2019 introduced, referred to Nat Res	Oppose	See SR 0038

SB 0316, 0317	Makes it a crime to knowingly provide an animal to another who intends to abuse, mistreat the animal; or to provide an animal to another who intends to use it in fighting; Sens MacDonald (316), Wojno (317) + 2 others (bipartisan)	5/14/2019 introduced, referred to Judiciary (1 of 4 sponsors is chair)	Support with recommendations	SB 0317 tie barred, sentencing guidelines revision
HB 4592	Amends 750.50 to allow appointment of advocate (law student or lawyer) in criminal prosecutions related to treatment, welfare or custody of animals, to represent the interests of the animal or the interests of justice + 12 others (bipartisan)	5/15/2019 introduced, referred to Judiciary (1 co-sponsor on committee)	Support	HB 6029 2017-18 session (AFA supported)
HB 4593	Amends Public Health Code to require veterinarian determine devocalization procedure is for therapeutic purpose, before performing the procedure; Rep. Sneller + 12 others (bipartisan)	5/15/2019 introduced, referred to Ag (1 co-sponsor on committee)	Support	HB 6031 2017-18 session (AFA supported)
HB 4594	New act, amending 750.50 to ban private ownership of non human primates; imposes misdemeanor penalties; Rep. Ellison	5/15/2019 introduced, referred to Ag (1 co-sponsor on committee)	Support	HB 6032 2017-18 session (AFA supported)

HB 4595	Requires carrier pigeon permit applicants to comply with all local ordinances; Rep. Liberati + 10 co-sponsors	5/15/2019, introduced, referred to Ag (1 co-sponsor on committee)	Support	
HB 4596	New act to establish and promote community cat programs, exempt caretakers from certain state, local laws, Rep. Pohutsky + 9 co-sponsors	5/15/2019, introduced, referred to Ag (1 co-sponsor on committee)	Support	New this session; AFA involved in drafting

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FEDERAL (Select)

Bill #	Description	Actions	AFA Action	Notes
H.R. 249	FACT Act: Increase transparency about efforts to reduce government animal tests, Rep. Calvert (CA) + 2 original co-sponsors	1/4/2019 introduced, referred to Energy and Commerce; 1/31, referred to Subcommittee on Health	Support	19 co-sponsors; 14-D; 5-R (none MI)
H.Res. 34	Designated 1st Saturday in October, "National Animal Rescue Day", Rep. Norcross (NJ)	1/9/2019 introduced, referred to Oversight and Reform	Support	10 co-sponsors; 9-D; 1-R (none MI)
H.R. 693	U.S. Senator Joseph D. Tydings Memorial PAST Act, amend Horse Protection Act to prevent soaring on Tennessee Walking Horses, Rep. Schrader (D-OR) + 5 original co-sponsors	1/22/2019 introduced, referred to Energy and Commerce; 1/31, referred to Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce. 4/3: companion bill introduced in US Senate, Sens. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, and Mark Warner, D-Va.	Support	248 co-sponsors; including Reps. Dingell, Walberg, Kildeer, Mitchell, Slotkin, Upton, Lawrence, Stevens; 189-D; 67-R

H.R. 724	PACT Act: Called the federal animal cruelty bill, would make the most malicious acts of animal cruelty — including crushing, burning, drowning, suffocating and impaling animals and sexually exploiting them — felony crimes under federal law, Reps. Deutch (D-FL), Buchanan (R-FL)	1/23/2019 introduced, referred to Judiciary; 3/5, referred to Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security	Support	232 co-sponsors, including Reps. Upton, Slotkin, Kildee, Lawrence, Mitchell, Walberg; 178-D; 54-R
H.R. 737	Shark Fin Sales Elimination Act, ban US shark fin trade, Reps. Sablan (D-Northern Mariana Islands), McCaul (R-TX) + 50 original co-sponsors	1/23/2019 introduced, referred to Natural Resources; 2/11, referred to Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife; 3/26, Subcommittee hearings held	Support	198 co-sponsors, including Reps. Dingell, Mitchell, Lawrence, Slotkin, Upton; 146-D; 52-R
H.R. 864	Wildlife Conservation and Anti-Trafficking Act would strengthen law enforcement safeguards against wildlife trafficking by making violations subject to and organized crime offenses, and increase incentives for informants, Rep. Garamendi (D-CA) + 1 original co-sponsor	1/30/2019 introduced, referred to Natural Resources and Judiciary; 2/15, referred to Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife; 3/25, referred to Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security	Support	49 co-sponsors, including Reps. Upton, Dingell; 41-D; 8-R

H.R. 961	SAFE Act would prohibit any horse slaughter plant from opening; and also end the sale or transport of horses and horse parts in the U.S. and abroad for the purpose of human consumption, Rep. Schakowsky (D-IL) + 1 original co-sponsor	2/5/2019 introduced, referred to Energy and Commerce, and to Agriculture; 3/1, referred to Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture	Support	144 co-sponsors, including Rep. Slotkin; 125-D; 19-R
H.R. 1002	Welfare of Our Friends (WOOF) Act, amend Animal Welfare Act to prohibit issuance of licenses to individuals connected to dealers of dogs who have had licenses revoked, Reps. Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Crist, (D-FL), Thompson (R-PA), McGovern (D-MA) + 3 original co-sponsors	2/6/2019 introduced, referred to Agriculture; 3/1, referred to Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture	Support	71 co-sponsors, including Reps. Kildee, Upton; 59-D; 12-R
H.R. 1042	PREPARED Act, amends Animal Welfare Act to require research facility, dealer, exhibitor, intermediate handler, carrier, or Federal research facility to develop emergency plans, Rep. Titus (D-NV)	2/7/2019 introduced, referred to Agriculture; 3/1, referred to Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture	Support	67, including 35 original co-sponsors and Rep. Upton; 61-D; 6-R

H.R.1209	"Humane and Existing Alternatives in Research and Testing Sciences" "HEARTS Act of 2019" to amend Public Health Service Act to ensure that non-animal methods are prioritized for all research conducted or supported by National Institutes of Health, Reps. Roybal-Albert (D-CA), Calvert (R-CA) + 1 original co-sponsor	2/13/2019 introduced, referred to Energy and Commerce	Support	1 co-sponsor
H.R. 1568	"Scientific Assistance for Very Endangered (SAVE) Right Whales Act" to provide resources for the conservation of Right whales, Rep. Moulton (D-MA) + 4 original co-sponsors	3/6/2019 introduced, referred to Natural Resources and to Budget; 3/22, referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife; 3/26, Subcommittee hearings held; 5/1 Ordered to be Reported (Amended), 23 - 13	Support	26 co-sponsors, 22-D, 4-R (none MI)
H.R. 1754	"Horseracing Integrity Act" would require independent authority to develop, enforce anti-doping program to regulate the industry, Rep. Tonko, (D-NY) + 27 original co-sponsors	3/14/2019 introduced, referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce	Support	85 co-sponsors, including Rep. Upton; 64-D; 21-R

H.R. 2245	Conserving Ecosystems by Ceasing the Importation of Large (CECIL) Animal Trophies Act would restrict the importation of sport-hunted species proposed for listing under ESA, tighten requirements that hunting be done for conservation, enhance transparency of permitting process; Rep. Grijalva (D-AZ)	4/10/2019 introduced, referred to Natural Resources, and to Foreign Affairs and Ways and Means; 4/29, referred to Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife	Support	13, including 9 original co-sponsors (none MI); Sponsor is Chair of House Natural Resources Committee
Bill # not available yet	Child and Animal Abuse Detection and Reporting Act; Reps. Kuster (D-NH), Katko (R-NY)	improve the Federal Government's child abuse data collection program by extending it to specifically evaluate animal abuse as a risk factor for child abuse.	In review	Read sponsors' press release of 051619 here