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MICHIGAN - 102nd Legislative Session (2023-2024) to August 31, 2023

Bill #	Description	Actions	AFA Action	Notes
SB 14	Amends Administrative Procedures Act to eliminate prohibition on state regulations being more stringent than federal; Sen. McCann + 13 co-sponsors	1/17/2023 introduced, referred to Energy and Environment, sponsor is Chair, 5 co-sponsors are members; 4/25, reported favorably without amendment; 5/17 passed Senate 20-18 . House: <i>5/17 received, referred to Natural Resources; 6/22 reported favorably without amendment 4-3; 6/28 passed House 56-52 (2 Not Voting); given immediate effect; 7/17 presented to Governor; 7/26 signed by Governor; PA104 '23</i>	Support	PA 104'23
SB 17	Increases days that local governments can regulate fireworks; increases penalties; Sen. Wojno + 10 co-sponsors	1/17/2023 introduced, referred to Local Government, sponsor is Majority Vice Chair, co-sponsor is Chair, 2 co-sponsors are members	Support	Impact on birds, https://www.treehugger.com/fireworks-have-long-lasting-impact-on-wild-birds-7089635 ; other wildlife, https://benitolink.com/fireworks-can-have-devastating-effects-on-wildlife/ ; and companion animals

<p>HB 4067</p>	<p>Care for Retired Police Dogs Program Act establishes program to be administered by nonprofits; Rep. Paiz + 14 co-sponsors (bipartisan)</p>	<p>2/2/2023 introduced, referred to Criminal Justice, 1 co-sponsor is Chair, 2 are members</p>	<p>Support</p>	
<p>HB 4135</p>	<p>Prohibits NRC from issuing order requiring hunters to report harvest of game; Rep. Friske + 2 co-sponsors</p>	<p>2/22/23 introduced, referred to Natural Resources</p>	<p>Oppose</p>	
<p>SB 103, 104, 105</p>	<p>Regulates sport fishing guides, commercial hunting guides; give NRC exclusive authority to regulate sport fishing. Sen. Cherry + 2 co-sponsors (bipartisan)</p>	<p>3/1/2023 introduced, referred to Natural Resources and Agriculture; 5/25 reported favorably without amendment and with immediate effect; 6/8 Passed Senate 25-13. House: 6/8 received, referred to <i>Natural Resources</i></p>	<p>Support; AFA supported last session HBs 4858, 59, 60 and testified in support at committee hearings</p>	
<p>SB 148, 149/HB 4277, 4278</p>	<p>Teddy's Law requires animal research facilities to provide records to MDARD; release dogs and cats to MI shelters for adoption once research completed; Sen. Polehanki + 9 co-sponsors (148), Sen. Hertel + 10 co-sponsors (149). House: Rep. Paiz + 8 co-sponsors (4277), Rep. Paiz + 8 co-sponsors (4278)</p>	<p>3/7/2023 introduced, referred to Natural Resources and Agriculture; 6/6 hearing, no vote; 6/13 reported favorably without amendment; 6/28, 148: S-1 adopted; passed Senate 27-10 (1 excused); 149: S-1 adopted; passed Senate 31-6 (1 excused). House: 3/14/2023 introduced, referred to Regulatory Reform; 1 co-sponsor is Majority Vice Chair, 2 are members; 5/16, originally on agenda for this committee meeting but not heard; 6/28 SBs 148, 149 received, referred to Agriculture</p>	<p>Support, testified at 6/6 hearing; AFA supported similar bills last session; calling on legislature to reinstate original bill language</p>	<p>148 S-1 reduces amount of reporting requirements for animal research facilities; 149 S-1 makes reports unavailable on MDARD website</p>

<p>SB 248</p>	<p>Expands eligibility for courtroom support dogs from age 16 to age 18; Sen. Lauwers + 4 co-sponsors (bipartisan)</p>	<p>4/11/2023 introduced, referred to Civil Rights, Judiciary and Public Safety; 6/13 reported with S-1; 6/14 S-1 passed Senate 38-0. House: 6/14 received, referred to Judiciary</p>	<p>Support; AFA supported original bill</p>	
<p>SB 275</p>	<p>Part of clean energy bill package, but is "greenwashing" because it allows manure to be converted to fuel, thereby increasing revenue for industrial ag and likely leading to more CAFOs in the state to take advantage of the program</p>	<p>4/19/2023 introduced, referred to Energy</p>	<p>Oppose</p>	<p>Would support if amended to exclude use of manure as a source for biogas</p>
<p>HB 4462</p>	<p>Directs Agriculture Commission to develop guidelines (GAAMPs) to raise chickens in residential environments; Rep. DeSana + 2 co-sponsors</p>	<p>4/25/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture</p>	<p>Support</p>	

<p>HBs 4506-09</p>	<p>Creates separate Upper Peninsula Natural Resources Commission with authority over fish and game in UP; Rep. Markannen + 2 co-sponsors</p>	<p>5/4/2023 introduced, referred to Natural Resources</p>	<p>Oppose (AFA opposed similar bill last session)</p>	
<p>HB 4674/HB 4883</p>	<p>Prohibits cat declawing by individuals (4883) and by licensees under the public health law (4674) except for therapeutic reasons; provides penalties (4883); Rep. Wilson + 13 co-sponsors (4674); Rep. Wilson + 8 co-sponsors (4883)</p>	<p>4674: 5/25/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture; 1 co-sponsor is member 4883: 6/28/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture; 1 co-sponsor is member</p>	<p>Support AFA supported similar bills in past sessions</p>	<p>4883</p>
<p>HB 4838</p>	<p>Puppy Protection Act prohibits pet shops from selling, adopting, exchanging, or transferring a dog, cat, or rabbit but may collaborate with an animal control or protection shelter to showcase adoptable dogs, cats, or rabbits; Rep. Tsernoglou + 31 co-sponsors</p>	<p>6/22/2023 introduced, referred to Government Operations, co-sponsor is Majority Vice Chair, 1 is member</p>	<p>Support</p>	

<p>HB 4849</p>	<p>Amends to Public Health Code to prohibit conducting research or training activities on cats or dogs in a manner that causes pain or distress; Rep. Koleczar + 10 co-sponsors</p>	<p>6/27/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture, 1 co-sponsor is member</p>	<p>Support AFA supported similar bill last session; also House Resolution 155</p>	
<p>4855/4856</p>	<p>Part of Michigan Indigenous Culture and Heritage Package adds members to Wolf Management Advisory Council (4855) and Wildlife Council (4856) to represent tribal voices and other perspectives; Rep. Ayish + 27 co-sponsors (4855), Rep. Mentzer + 26 co-sponsors (4856)</p>	<p>6/27/2023 introduced, referred to Natural Resources, Chair and 1 co-sponsor are members (both bills)</p>	<p>Support AFA supported similar bills last session Native News Online article</p>	<p>4856</p>
<p>SBs 411--414</p>	<p>Amends various statutes to promote, finance and prop up state's horseracing industry, including Horseracing Law of 1995 (411, 414), Lawful Internet Gaming and Sports Betting Acts (412, 413), through the agriculture equine industry development fund. All bills tie-barred; Sen's. Lauwer (411) + 4 co-sponsors ; Hertel + 4 co-sponsors (412); Cherry +3 co-sponsors (413) + 4 co-sponsors (414); all bi-partisan</p>	<p>6/27/2023 introduced, referred to Natural Resources and Agriculture, Majority and Minority Vice Chairs and a member are sponsors or co-sponsors of all</p>	<p>Oppose SB 396-399 last session; AFA opposed and testified in opposition</p>	

FEDERAL - 118th Congress (2023-2024) to August 31, 2023

Bill #	Description	Actions	AFA Action	Notes
<u>H.R. 200</u>	“FIR Act” would specify neither Agriculture nor Interior Departments may be required to reinitiate consultation on land management plan when a species is listed as threatened or endangered, critical habitat is designated, or new information becomes available; Rep. Rosendale (R-MT)	1/9/2023 introduced, referred to: Agriculture, Natural Resources; 2/13 referred to Agriculture Subcmommittee on Forestry; 2/21 referred to Natural Resources Subcommittees on Water, Wildlife, Fisheries and Federal Lands; 3/23, Subcommittee on Federal Lands hearings held; 5/17 Committee hearings held, substitute ordered reported, 22-17	Oppose	5 co-sponsors (none MI); 5-R
<u>H.R. 208</u>	Pet Safety and Protection Act would amend AWA to ensure that all dogs and cats used by research facilities are obtained legally; Rep. Smith (R-NJ) + 3 original co-sponsors	1/9/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture	Support; see <u>H.R. 3157</u> last session, AFA supported	30 co-sponsors including Rep. Slotkin; 23-D; 7-R
<u>H.R. 243</u>	Emergency Disaster and Preparedness Act would require producers to develop disaster preparedness plans for animals in agriculture that include adverse weather plans to be eligible for payments and loans due to adverse weather under certain federal programs; Rep. Cohen (D-TN) + 5 original co-sponsors	1/10/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture	Support	20 co-sponsors, including Rep. Tlaib; 20-D

<p>H.R. 726</p>	<p>Vets for Mustangs would require sterilization program for wild horses and burros and programs to include veterans in range management; Lisa McClain (R-MI) + 13 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>2/1/2023 introduced, referred to Natural Resources; 2/21 referred to Subcommittee on Federal Lands</p>	<p>Oppose</p>	<p>23 co-sponsors including Rep's. Moolenaar, Scholten; 13-D; 10-R</p>
<p>H.R. 764</p>	<p>Trust the Science Act would de-list wolves with no judicial review allowed; Rep. Boebert (R-CO) + 22 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>2/2/2023 introduced, referred to Natural Resources; 2/21 referred to Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries; 3/23 Subcommittee hearings held; 4/27 committee hearings held; 4/28 ordered to be reported 21-16</p>	<p>Oppose AFA opposed H.R. 7766 last session</p>	<p>25 co-sponsors including Rep's. Bergman, Moolenaar; 25-R</p>
<p>S. 270/H.R. 798</p>	<p>Protecting America's Meatpacking Workers Act would expand protections, ensure safer line speeds and inspections, require OSHA standards to prevent occupational injuries and exposure to COVID-19, and end policies that punish workers for getting sick; Sen. Booker (D-NJ) + 5 original co-sponsors. House: Rep. Khanna (D-CA) + 5 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>2/2/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture. House: 2/2/2033 introduced, referred to: <i>Agriculture, Education and the Workforce, Oversight and Accountability, House Administration, and Judiciary</i>; 2/21 referred to Agriculture Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry Union of Concerned Scientist Statement</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>5 co-sponsors (none MI); 4-D; 1-I H.R. 798 6 co-sponsors (none MI); 6-D</p>

<p>S. 271/H.R. 797</p>	<p>Farm System Reform Act would place moratorium on large concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs); Sen. Booker (D-NJ) + 32 original co-sponsors. <i>House: Rep. Khanna + 18 original co-sponsors</i></p>	<p>2/2/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture <i>House: 2/2/2023 introduced, referred to: Agriculture, Transportation and Infrastructure; 2/3 referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment; 3/6 referred to Agriculture Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry</i></p>	<p>Support; introduced last 2 sessions, AFA supported both, see S. 2332 last session</p>	<p>4 co-sponsors (none MI); 3-D; 1-I H.R.797 34 co-sponsors including Rep. Tlaib; 34-D</p>
<p>S. 272/H.R. 805</p>	<p>Industrial Agriculture Accountability Act would establish Agriculture Department Office of High-Risk Disaster Mitigation and Enforcement; Sen. Booker (D-NJ) + 2 original co-sponsors. <i>House: Rep. McGovern (D-MA) + 6 original co-sponsors</i></p>	<p>2/2/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture. <i>House 2/2/2023 introduced, referred to: Agriculture, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Education and the Workforce; 2/3 referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management; 3/6 referred to Agriculture Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry</i></p>	<p>Support Note: introduced last session, AFA supported Sponsor Press Release re bill package</p>	<p>2 co-sponsors (none MI); 2-D. H.R. 805 12 co-sponsors (none MI); 12-D</p>
<p>H.J. Res. 29, H.J. Res. 46, and 49</p>	<p>Resolutions that would overturn agency decisions related to the Endangered Species Act using the Congressional Review Act; Rep. Mann (R-KS) + 8 original co-sponsors; Bentz (R-OR) + 9 original co-sponsors; Stauber (R-MN) + 9 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>Introduced 2/7/2023 (29); 3/30/2023 (46, 49); 29 would nullify listing of the lesser prairie-chicken under Endangered Species Act; 46 would nullify decision to expand habitat that the Endangered Species Act can protect for the benefit of species facing extinction; 49 would nullify listing the northern long-eared bat under the Endangered Species Act; 4/27 all had committee hearings; 4/28 all ordered to be reported 16-12, 17-12, 17-12; 7/27 SJR 9 passed House 221-206; SJR 24 passed House 220-209</p>	<p>Oppose All brought under Congressional Review Act which essentially voids agency rules and prohibits similar agency action in future without future Congressional act. Article</p>	<p>H.J.Res. 29, 9 co-sponsors (none MI); 9-R H.J. Res. 46 12-co-sponsors (none MI); 12-R H.J. Res. 49 12 co-sponsors (none MI); 12-R</p>

<p>S.J. Res. 9, 23 and 24</p>	<p>Resolutions that would overturn agency decisions related to the Endangered Species Act using the Congressional Review Act; Sen's. Marshall (R-KS) + 3 original co-sponsors; Lummis (R-WY) + 17 original co-sponsors; Mullin (R-OK) + 10 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>Introduced 2/7/2023 (9); 3/30/2023 (23, 24), <i>see HJR above for details</i> ; referred to Environment and Public Works; 5/10 all had committee hearings and ordered reported; 5/11 all passed Senate; 7/28, S.J.Res. 9 passed House 221 - 206</p>	<p>Oppose All brought under Congressional Review Act which essentially voids agency rules and prohibits similar agency action in future without future Congressional act. Article</p>	<p>S.J.Res. 29, 5 co-sponsors (none MI); 9-R S.J. Res. 23, 20-co-sponsors (none MI); 20-R S.J. Res. 24, 14 co-sponsors (none MI); 13-R; 1-D</p>
<p>S. 346</p>	<p>Meat and Poultry Special Investigator Act would create office within USDA to investigate and prosecute violations of Packers and Stockyards Act by packers and live poultry dealers; Sen. Tester (D-MT) + 10 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>2/9/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>10 co-sponsors including Sen. Stabenow; 6-D, 4-R</p>
<p>S. 445/H.R. 1245</p>	<p>Grizzly Bear State Management Act would direct Interior Department to remove <u>Greater Yellowstone ecosystem population</u> of grizzly bears from list of endangered and threatened wildlife, and rule not subject to judicial review. Sen. Lummis (R-WY) + 4 original co-sponsors. House: Rep. Hageman (R-WY) + 2 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>2/15/2023 introduced, referred to Environment and Public Works. House: 2/28/2023 introduced, referred to Natural Resources; 3/22 referred to Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries; 3/23 Subcommittee hearings held; 4/27 committee hearings held ; 4/28 ordered to be reported, 21-17</p>	<p>Oppose see H.R. 1419 below; difference is area to be covered</p>	<p>4 co-sponsors (none MI); 4-R. H.R. 1245 ; 4 co-sponsors (none MI); 4-R</p>

<p>H.R. 1142</p>	<p>Would amend Endangered Species Act to require consideration of economic impact in making listing decisions; Rep. Pfluger (R-TX) + 2 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>2/21/2023 introduced, referred to Natural Resources; 3/22 referred to Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries</p>	<p>Oppose</p>	<p>4 co-sponsors (none MI); 4-R</p>
<p>S. 557/ H.R. 1249</p>	<p>Opportunities for Fairness in Farming (OFF) Act would restrict funds from existing checkoff programs to be used for lobbying; Sen. Lee (R-UT) + 4 original co-sponsors. <i>House: Rep. Mace (R-SC) + 1 original co-sponsor</i></p>	<p>2/28/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture. <i>House: 2/28/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture</i></p>	<p>Support AFA joined letter supporting dated 5/29/2023</p>	<p>4 co-sponsors (none MI); 3-D; 1-R. H.R. 1249 6 co-sponsors (none MI); 5-D ; 1-R</p>
<p>S. 658</p>	<p>Environmental Quality Incentive Program Improvement (EQIP) Act would restructure program to provide funding for more farmers, ranchers and for the most effective conservation programs; Sen. Booker (D-NJ) + 1 original co-sponsor</p>	<p>3/6/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture</p>	<p>Support Summary</p>	<p>2 co-sponsors (none MI); 1-D; 1-R</p>

<p>H.R. 1419</p>	<p>Comprehensive Grizzly Bear Management would direct Interior Secretary to issue new rule removing <u>Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem</u> population of grizzly bears from the ESA protections, and rule not subject to judicial review; Rep. Rosendale, Sr. (R-WY) + 2 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>3/7/2023 introduced, referred to Natural Resources; 3/22 referred to Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries; 3/23 Subcommittee hearings held; 4/27 committee hearings held; 4/28 ordered to be reported 22-17</p>	<p>Oppose see S. 445 above</p>	<p>3 co-sponsors (none MI); 3-R</p>
<p>S. 707/H.R. 1465</p>	<p>AFTER Act, Violet's Law, would allow dogs, cats, primates, rabbits, and other animals to be retired and re-homed when no longer needed for research in federal labs; Sen. Collins (R-ME) + 1 original co-sponsor. House: Rep. Mace (R-SC) + 37 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>3/8/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture; Sponsor's Remarks on Introduction. House: 3/8/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture; 4/4 referred to Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry</p>	<p>Support, see S. 1378 last session, AFA supported</p>	<p>20 co-sponsors including Sen. Peters; 19-D; 1-I H.R. 1465 : 81 co-sponsors (including Reps. Slotkin, Stevens, Tlaib, Kildee, Scholten, James); 63-D; 18-R</p>
<p>S. 771</p>	<p>Would prohibit non-native species from being listed as endangered or threatened; Sen. Cruz (R-TX)</p>	<p>3/9/23 introduced, referred to Environment</p>	<p>Oppose</p>	<p>no co-sponsors</p>

<p><u>H.R. 1624</u></p>	<p>Puppy Protection Act would strengthen regulation of commercial dog breeders; Rep. Fitzpatrick (R-PA) + 3 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>3/17/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture; 4/17 referred to Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry</p>	<p>Support; see <u>H.R. 2840 of 2021</u>, AFA supported</p>	<p>165 co-sponsors including Rep's. Kildee, Scholten, Slotkin, Stevens, Dingell, Tlaib, Thanedar; 143-D; 22-R [NOTE: increased from 138 on 5/31, 77 on 4/28, and 30 on 3/30]</p>
<p><u>H.R. 1788</u></p>	<p>Goldie's Act would amend the AWA to require USDA to conduct more frequent and meaningful inspections, provide lifesaving intervention for suffering animals, issue penalties for violations, and communicate with local law enforcement; Rep. Malliotakis (R-NY) + 5 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>3/24/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture; 4/25 referred to Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry</p>	<p>Support; see <u>H.R. 6100 of 2021</u>, AFA supported</p>	<p>65 co-sponsors including Rep's. Slotkin, Thanedar; 53-D; 12-R</p>
<p><u>H.R. 1824</u></p>	<p>Food and Farm Bill would reform the safety net for farmers and ranchers, enhance soil, water, and habitat conservation, encourage beginning farmers and ranchers, strengthen nutrition for Americans, support agriculture research and innovation, reduce food waste, improve animal welfare, and invest in regional food systems; Rep. Blumenauer (D-OR) + 0 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>3/28/2023 introduced, referred to: Agriculture, Ways and Means, Education and the Workforce, and Foreign Affairs</p>	<p>Support <u>Food Politics Blog</u></p>	<p>4 co-sponsors (none MI); 4-D <u>Information, press release from sponsor</u></p>

<p>S. 1149</p>	<p>Restoring America's Wildlife Act</p>	<p>3/31/2023 introduced, referred to Environment and Public Works</p>	<p>In review; past session supported with recommended changes</p>	<p>15 co-sponsors including Sen. Stabenow; 8-D; 5-R; 2-I Sponsor's press release</p>
<p>H.R. 2742/S. 1529</p>	<p>Fighting Inhumane Gambling and High-Risk Trafficking (FIGHT) Act would amend AWA to enhance enforcement against dog- and cock-fighting, allow for citizen suits, ban on-line gambling, forbid use of the mail to ship adults; Rep.'s Bacon (R-NE) and Salinas (D-OR) + 19 original co-sponsors. Senate: Sen. Booker + no original co-sponsors</p>	<p>4/20/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture, Oversight and Sustainability; 5/15 referred to Agriculture Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry. <i>Senate: 5/10/2023 introduced</i> Senate Sponsor press release</p>	<p>In review; AFA supported in past session</p>	<p>54 co-sponsors including Rep. Thanedar; 33-D; 21-R S. 1529 8 co-sponsors (none MI); 5-D; 2-R; 1-I</p>
<p>H.R. 2878</p>	<p>Companion Animal Release Act would require as condition of receiving NIH funding, entities establish adoption policies for dogs, cats, rabbits after research; limits liability related to the adoptions under certain conditions; Rep. Cardenes (D-CA) + 4 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>5/3/2023 introduced, referred to Energy and Commerce</p>	<p>In review; AFA supported last session</p>	<p>13 co-sponsors including Rep. Scholten; 8-D; 5-R</p>

<p>H.R. 2939</p>	<p>PIGS Act would amend Animal Welfare Act to prohibit confinement of pigs in gestation crates; Rep. Escobar (D-TX) + 3 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>4/27/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture Committee; 6/1 referred to Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry</p>	<p>Support AFA supported last session</p>	<p>7 co-sponsors including Rep. Tlaib (7-D)</p>
<p>H.R. 3090</p>	<p>The Prevent All Soring Tactics Act would amend Horse Protection Act to make soring unlawful and improve USDA enforcement of the Act; Rep. Fitzpatrick (R-PA) + 185 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>5/5/2023 introduced, referred to Energy and Commerce Article</p>	<p>Support AFA supported in past sessions</p>	<p>213 co-sponsors including Rep's. Dingell, McClain, Thanedar, Tlaib, Slotkin, Scholten, Kildee, Stevens; 180-D; 33-R</p>
<p>H.R. 3494</p>	<p>Extinction Prevention Act would create dedicated funds to conserve butterflies in North America, plants in the Pacific Islands, freshwater mussels in the US, and desert fish in the SW US; Rep. Grijalva (D-AZ) + 9 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>5/18/2023 introduced, referred to Natural Resources</p>	<p>In review AFA supported H.R. 3396 last session</p>	<p>14 co-sponsors, including Rep's. Dingell, Scholten; 14-D Sponsor press release</p>

<p>H.R. 3781</p>	<p>Federal Bird Safe Buildings Act would direct GSA to incorporate practices and strategies to reduce bird fatality from collisions with public buildings; Rep. Griffith (R-VA) + 1 original co-sponsor</p>	<p>6/1/2023 introduced, referred to Transportation and Infrastructure; 6/2 referred to Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.</p>	<p>Support Sponsor Press Release; AFA supported last session</p>	<p>7 co-sponsors (none MI); 7-D Article</p>
<p>H.R. 3783</p>	<p>MINK Virus Act would prohibit farming of minks for fur after one-year phase-out, create grant program to reimburse mink farmers to help with transition out of the industry and set guidelines for humanely euthanizing minks; Rep. Espaillat (D-NY)</p>	<p>6/1/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture and to Budget; 7/10 referred to Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, Poultry</p>	<p>Support AFA supported similar bill last session which did not actually prohibit mink farming</p>	<p>no cosponsors</p>
<p>H.R. 3859</p>	<p>Animal Welfare Enforcement Improvement Act would close loopholes in USDA licensing process; Rep. Krishnamoorthi (D-IL) + 1 original co-sponsor</p>	<p>6/6/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture; 7/28 referred to Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry</p>	<p>Support Article</p>	<p>22 co-sponsors (none MI); 21-D; 1-R</p>
<p>H.R. 3894</p>	<p>Would amend AWA to prohibit commercial greyhound racing, live lure training, open field coursing; Rep. Carbajal (D-CA) + 5 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>6/7/2023 introduced; referred to Agriculture; 7/28 referred to Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>28 co-sponsors including Rep. Slotkin; 16-D; 12-R [NOTE: up from 12 on 7/29/23]</p>

<p>H.R. 3957</p>	<p>Providing for Unhoused People with Pets (PUPP) Act would establish grant program authorizing USDA to provide funding for shelters to retrofit their facilities to better accommodate unhoused people and their pets; Rep. Crow (D-CO) + 2 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>6/9/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture and to Financial Services; 7/28 referred to Agriculture Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry</p>	<p>Support see H.R. 8074 of 2022, AFA supported</p>	<p>9 co-sponsors (none MI); 7-R; 2-D</p>
<p>H.R. 3989</p>	<p>Pets Belong With Families Act would prohibit public housing agencies from imposing breed restrictions on household pets owned by public housing residents; Rep. Schiff (D-CA) + 2 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>6/9/2023 introduced, referred to Financial Services</p>	<p>Support see H.R. 5828 of 2021, AFA supported</p>	<p>41 co-sponsors, including Rep. Tlaib; 39-D; 2-R Sponsor press release</p>
<p>S. 1940/H.R. 4068</p>	<p>Canyon's Law would ban the use of wildlife-killing M-44 devices ("cyanide bombs") on federal public lands; Sen. Merkley (D-OR) + 5 original co-sponsors; Rep. Huffman (D-CA) + 7 original co-sponsors H.R. 4068</p>	<p>6/13/2023 introduced (both House and Senate). Senate, 6/13 referred to Environment and Public Works. <i>House, 6/13 referred to Natural Resources, and to Agriculture; 7/28 referred to Agriculture Subcommittees on Forestry and Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry</i> Article</p>	<p>Support S. 4584 and H.R. 4951 in last session; AFA supported</p>	<p>Senate 5 co-sponsors (none MI); 5-D. <i>House 7 co-sponsors (none MI); 7-D</i> Article</p>

<p>S. 2019/H.R. 4417</p>	<p>Ending Agricultural Trade Suppression (EATS) Act would prohibit state or local governments from regulating "preharvest product of any agricultural product" sold in interstate commerce that is addition to the standards of the state where production occurs; Sen. Marshall (R-KS) + 9 original co-sponsors. House Rep. Hinson (R-IA) + 15 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>6/15/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture. House: 6/30/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture and to Judiciary H.R. 4417</p>	<p>Oppose Harvard Animal Law & Policy Program White Paper opposing</p>	<p>13 co-sponsors (none MI); 13-R. House: 31 co-sponsors (none MI); 31-R Response to SCOTUS decision in CA Prop 12 case; Sentient Media article on Farm Bill and EATS</p>
<p>S 2037</p>	<p>Save America's Forgotten Equines (SAFE) Act would prohibit slaughter of equines for human food; Sen. Menendez (D-NJ) + 9 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>6/15/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture</p>	<p>Support AFA supported past bills</p>	<p>9 co-sponsors (none MI); 5-D; 4-R</p>

<p>H.R. 4241</p>	<p>Would amend Horse Protection Act to prohibit transport of horses in interstate transportation in motor vehicle containing 2 or more levels stacked on top of one another; Rep. Cohen (D-TN) + 67 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>6/21/2023 introduced, referred to Energy and Commerce</p>	<p>In review, AFA supported similar bill last session</p>	<p>74 co-sponsors including Rep's. Stevens, Scholten; 73-D; 1-R</p>
<p>H.Con.Res. 59</p>	<p>Concurrent resolutions urging all countries to outlaw dog and cat meat trade and to enforce existing laws against such trade. Sen. Merkley (D-OR) + 1 original co-sponsor; Rep. Moskowitz (D-FL) + 11 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>7/20/2023 introduced (both House and Senate). Senate, 7/20 referred to Foreign Relations. <i>House, 7/20 referred to Agriculture and to Foreign Relations</i></p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>1 co-sponsor (none MI); 1-R House, 12 co-sponsors including Rep. Dingell; 8-D; 4-R S.Con.Res. 16</p>
<p>HR 4821</p>	<p>Interior Appropriations bill includes provisions such as requiring delisting grizzlies and gray wolves; preventing listing of Northern long-eared bats and lesser prairie chickens; preventing agency regulation of lead ammunition and rodenticides on public lands; Rep. Simpson (R-ID) and no co-sponsors</p>	<p>7/24/2023 introduced, passed Appropriations Committee, and placed on Union Calendar; see House Report 118-155</p>	<p>Oppose</p>	<p>no co-sponsors</p>

<p><u>S. 2555</u></p>	<p>Better Care for Animals Act would amend AWA to strengthen DOJ enforcement power by allowing DOJ to levy civil penalties, suspend and revoke licenses, and remove or relocate animals; Sen. Blumenthal (D-CT); <i>Rep. Reschenthaler (R-PA)</i></p>	<p>7/27/2023 introduced (both House and Senate)</p>	<p>In review <u>Article</u></p>	<p>1 co-sponsor (none MI); 1-R</p>
<p><u>H.R. 5023</u></p>	<p>"Peas, Legumes, And Nuts Today" or "PLANT Act" would support American farmers and rural communities through plant-based food production, Rep. McGovern (D-MA)</p>	<p>7/27/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture</p>	<p>In review <u>Sponsor Press Release</u></p>	<p>3 co-sponsors (none MI); 3-D</p>
<p><u>S. 2370</u>/H.R. 4750</p>	<p>BARK Act would amend Good Samaritan Food Donation Act to provide protection for the good faith donation of pet products; Sen. Warnock (D-GA). <i>House: Rep. Raskin (D-MD) + 18 original co-sponsors</i></p>	<p>7/19/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture. <i>House: 7/19/2023 introduced, referred to Education</i></p>	<p>In review <u>Warnock Press release</u></p>	<p>2 co-sponsors (none MI); 1-D; 1-R 38 co-sponsors including Rep. Dingell; 32-D; 6-R <u>H.R. 4750</u></p>
<p><u>H.R. 5175</u></p>	<p>PETSAFE Act would direct FEMA to develop a pilot program for mobile animal shelters in event of emergencies, major disasters; Rep. Schiff (D-CA)</p>	<p>8/8/2023 introduced, referred to Transportation and Infrastructure; 8/9 referred to Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.</p>	<p>In review <u>Sponsor's Press Release</u></p>	

H.R. 5217	Refuge from Cruel Trapping Act would prohibit body-gripping traps in National Wildlife Refuges; Rep. Nadler (D-NY) + 21 original co-sponsors	8/15/2023 introduced	In review AWI Press Release	21 co-sponsors (none MI); 21-D
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FINAL RULES

<p>Dept. of Interior / FWS Effective 8/2/2023</p>	<p><u>Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Experimental Populations</u></p>	<p>Revise regulations concerning experimental populations of endangered species and threatened species by removing language generally restricting the introduction of experimental populations to only the species' "historical range" to allow for the introduction of populations into habitat outside of their historical range for conservation purposes. We have concluded that it may be increasingly necessary and appropriate to establish experimental populations outside of their historical range if the species' habitat has undergone, is undergoing, or is anticipated to undergo irreversible decline and is no longer capable of supporting the species due to threats such as climate change or invasive species.</p>		<p>Significant rule that acknowledges climate change and habitat destruction</p>
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