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MICHIGAN - 102nd Legislative Session (2023-2024) to July 29, 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: 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	Support	PA 104'23

<p><u>SB 17</u></p>	<p>Increases days that local governments can regulate fireworks; increases penalties; Sen. Wojno + 10 co-sponsors</p>	<p>1/17/2023 introduced, referred to Local Government, sponsor is Majority Vice Chair, co-sponsor is Chair, 2 co-sponsors are members</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Impact on birds, https://www.treehugger.com/fireworks-have-long-lasting-impact-on-wild-birds-7089635; other wildlife, https://benitlink.com/fireworks-can-have-devastating-effects-on-wildlife/; and companion animals</p>
<p><u>SB 46</u></p>	<p>Reduce penalties for failing to report deer; Sen. Hoytenga + 7 co-sponsors</p>	<p>2/1/2023 introduced, referred to Natural Resources and Agriculture; sponsor on committee is member</p>	<p>No position, not animal welfare bill</p>	<p>See SB 52 Introduced in past 2 sessions, AFA opposed</p>
<p><u>HB 4067</u></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><u>HB 4135</u></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</p>	<p>149 S-1 148 S-1 reduces amount of reporting requirements for animal research facilities</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 <i>Judiciary</i></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>	
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FEDERAL - 118th Congress (2023-2024) to July 29, 2023

Bill #	Description	Actions	AFA Action	Notes
<p>H.R. 200</p>	<p>“FIR Act” would specify neither Agriculture nor Interior Departments may be required to reinstate 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)</p>	<p>1/9/2023 introduced, referred to: Agriculture, Natural Resources; 2/13 referred to Agriculture Subcommittee 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</p>	<p>Oppose</p>	<p>5 co-sponsors (none MI); 5-R</p>
<p>H.R. 208</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>1/9/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture</p>	<p>Support; see H.R. 3157 last session, AFA supported</p>	<p>30 co-sponsors including Rep. Slotkin; 23-D; 7-R</p>

<p>H.R. 243</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>1/10/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>20 co-sponsors, including Rep. Tlaib; 20-D</p>
<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>In review</p>	<p>21 co-sponsors including Rep. Moolenaar; 12-D; 9-R Sponsor Press Release</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 Reps. 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. <i>House: Rep. Khanna (D-CA) + 5 original co-sponsors</i></p>	<p>2/2/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture. <i>House: 2/2/2033 introduced, referred to: Agriculture, Education and the Workforce, Oversight and Accountability, House Administration, and Judiciary; 2/21 referred to Agriculture Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry</i> Union of Concerned Scientist Statement</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>5 co-sponsors (none MI); 4-D; 1-I H.R. 798 5 co-sponsors (none MI); 5-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 32 co-sponsors including Rep. Tlaib; 32-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 11 co-sponsors (none MI); 11-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</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</p>	<p>2/15/2023 introduced, referred to Environment and Public Works. <i>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</i></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 3 co-sponsors (none MI); 3-D</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-</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>Support 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>162 co-sponsors including Reps. Kildee, Scholten, Slotkin, Stevens, Dingell, Tlaib, Thanedar); 141-D; 21-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>In review; see <u>H.R. 6100 of 2021</u>, AFA supported</p>	<p>39 co-sponsors including Rep's. Slotkin, Thanedar; 48-D; 10-R [NOTE: increased from 39 on 6/28]</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 Senate Sponsor press release</i></p>	<p>In review; AFA supported in past session</p>	<p>43 co-sponsors including Rep. Thanedar; 26-D; 17-R [NOTE: increased from 33 on 6/28] S. 1529 8 co-sponsors (none MI); 5-D; 2-R; 1-I [NOTE: increased from 3 on 6/28]</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>10 co-sponsors including Rep. Scholten; 6-D; 4-R</p>

<p><u>H.R. 2939</u></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 <u>AFA supported last session</u></p>	<p>7 co-sponsors including Rep. Tlaib (7-D)</p>
<p><u>H.R. 3090</u></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 <u>Article</u></p>	<p>Support <u>AFA supported in past sessions</u></p>	<p>206 co-sponsors including Rep's. Dingell, McClain, Thanedar, Tlaib, Slotkin, Scholten, Kildee, Stevens; 174-D; 32-R</p>
<p><u>H.R. 3494</u></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 <u>AFA supported H.R. 3396</u> last session</p>	<p>14 co-sponsors, including Rep's. Dingell, Scholten; 14-D <u>Sponsor press release</u></p>

<p><u>H.R. 3781</u></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 <u>Sponsor Press Release;</u> <u>AFA supported last session</u></p>	<p>6 co-sponsors (none MI); 6-D [NOTE: increased from 3 on 6/28] <u>Article</u></p>
<p><u>H.R. 3783</u></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 <u>similar bill last session</u> which did not actually prohibit mink farming</p>	<p>no cosponsors</p>
<p><u>H.R. 3859</u></p>	<p>Animal Welfare Enforcement Improvement Act would protect animals from unscrupulous dealers and exhibitors, and close existing loopholes in the USDA licensing process that allow chronic violators to escape accountability.; Rep. Krishnamoorthi (D-IL) + 1 original co-sponsor</p>	<p>6/6/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture</p>	<p>Support <u>Article</u></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>12 co-sponsors (none MI); 8-R; 4-D</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) + 3 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>3 co-sponsors (none MI); 2-R; 1-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>34 co-sponsors, including Rep. Tlaib; 33-D; 1-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 Harvard Law's Animal Law & Policy Program Report</p>	<p>6/15/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture. <i>House: 6/30/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture and to Judiciary</i> H.R. 4417</p>	<p>Oppose Sponsor's Press Release</p>	<p>13 co-sponsors (none MI); 13-R. House: 32 co-sponsors (none MI); 32-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>73 co-sponsors including Rep's. Stevens, Scholten; 69-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>Bill #s not available</p>	<p>Better Care for Animals Act would strengthen Department of Justice's enforcement power against animal abusers by bolstering the <i>Animal Welfare Act</i> to allow DOJ to levy civil penalties against abusers, suspend and revoke their licenses, and remove or relocate animals; Sen. Blumenthal (D-CT); Rep. Reschenthaler (R-PA)</p>	<p>7/27/2023 introduced (both House and Senate)</p>	<p>In review Article</p>	

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Agency & Comment Deadline	Action	Summary	Additional Action/Resources	Notes
Dep't of the Interior / (FWS) 08/11/2023	Interim Rule: Regulations To Implement the Big Cat Public Safety Act	FWS is amending its implementing regulations for the Captive Wildlife Safety Act (CWSA) requirements of the Big Cat Public Safety Act (BCPSA) in the CWSA regulations. On December 20, 2022, the BCPSA amended the Lacey Act to clarify provisions enacted by the CWSA and to further the conservation of certain wildlife species. The BCPSA makes it unlawful to import, export, transport, sell, receive, acquire, or purchase in interstate or foreign commerce, or breed or possess prohibited wildlife species (lions, tigers, leopards, snow leopards, clouded leopards, jaguars, cheetahs, and cougars, or any hybrids, with certain exceptions. The BCPSA also requires an entity or individual who does not qualify for one of the other exceptions and is in possession of any prohibited wildlife species to register each such animal with FWS.		
FWS, NMFS 8/21/2023	Proposed Rule: Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Listing Endangered and Threatened Species and Designating Critical Habitat	FWS and NMFS propose to revise portions of its regulations that implement section 4 of the ESA to clarify, interpret, and implement portions of the ESA concerning the procedures and criteria used for listing, reclassifying, and delisting species on the Lists of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants and designating critical habitat.		This and next rule are efforts to overturn Trump-era weakening of ESA. According to Earthjustice , "The proposed regulations address details about how the agencies list and delist species and how species receive default

<p>Dep't of the Interior / FWS 08/21/2023</p>	<p>Proposed Rule: Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Regulations Pertaining to Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants</p>	<p>FWS proposes to revise its regulations concerning protections of endangered species and threatened species under the ESA. FWS is proposing to reinstate the general application of the "blanket rule" option for protecting newly listed threatened species pursuant to section 4(d) of the ESA, with the continued option to promulgate species-specific rules. FWS is also proposing to extend to federally recognized Tribes the exceptions to prohibitions for threatened species that the regulations currently provide to the employees or agents of FWS and other Federal and State agencies to aid, salvage, or dispose of threatened species. FWS is also proposing minor changes to clarify or correct the existing regulations for endangered and threatened species; these proposed minor changes would not alter the substance or scope of the regulations. FWS requests comments on an additional provision under consideration, but not currently proposed, that would extend to federally recognized Tribes the exceptions to prohibitions for threatened species that the regulations currently provide to employees or agents of FWS, NMFS, and State agencies for take associated with conservation-related activities.</p>		<p>see above</p>
<p>Dep't of the Interior / FWS 08/22/2023</p>	<p>Proposed Rule: National Wildlife Refuge System; 2023-2024 Station-Specific Hunting and Sport Fishing Regulations</p>	<p>FWS proposes to expand hunting opportunities on three National Wildlife Refuges (NWRs) and make changes to existing station-specific regulations to reduce the regulatory burden on the public, increase access for hunters and anglers on FWS lands and waters, and comply with Presidential mandate for plain language standards. Finally, the best available science, analyzed as part of this proposed rulemaking, indicates that lead ammunition and tackle have negative impacts on both wildlife and human health. In this proposed rule, Blackwater, Chincoteague, Eastern Neck, Erie, Great Thicket, Patuxent Research Refuge, Rachel Carson, and Wallops Island NWRs are each proposing a non-lead requirement, to take effect on September 1, 2026, if FWS adopts them as part of a final rule. While FWS continues to evaluate the future of lead use in hunting and fishing on FWS lands and waters, this rulemaking does not include any opportunities proposing to increase or authorize the new use of lead beyond fall 2026.</p>		

<p>Dep't of the Interior / FWS N/A</p>	<p>Proposed Rule: Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; 90-Day Findings for Four Species</p>	<p>FWS announces 90-day findings on petitions to add four species to the ESA. Based on its review, FWS finds that the petitions to list the southern population of bog turtle, Pedernales River Springs salamander, ghost orchid, and tall western penstemon present substantial scientific or commercial information indicating that the petitioned actions may be warranted. Therefore, with the publication of this document, FWS announces that it is initiating status reviews of these species to determine whether the petitioned actions are warranted. To ensure that the status reviews are comprehensive, FWS requests scientific and commercial data and other information regarding the species and factors that may affect their status. Based on the status reviews, FWS will issue 12-month petition findings, which will address whether the petitioned actions are warranted, in accordance with the ESA.</p>		
<p>Dept. of Interior / FWS N/A</p>	<p>Proposed Rule: Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; 90-Day Finding for Three Petitions To List the Yellowstone Bison</p>	<p>FWS announces a 90-day finding on three petitions to add a distinct population segment of the Plains bison in and around Yellowstone National Park to the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife under the ESA. Based on FWS's review, it finds that the petitions present substantial scientific or commercial information indicating that the petitioned actions may be warranted. Therefore, with the publication of this document, FWS announces that it plans to initiate a status review to determine whether the petitioned actions are warranted. To ensure that the status review is comprehensive, FWS is requesting scientific and commercial data and other information regarding the Yellowstone bison and factors that may affect its status. Based on the status review, FWS will issue a 12-month petition finding, which will address whether or not the petitioned action is warranted, in accordance with the Act.</p>		
<p>Dep't of the Interior / Dep't of Agriculture N/A</p>	<p>Proposed Rule: Semiannual Regulatory Agenda, Spring 2022</p>	<p>This agenda provides summary descriptions of the significant and not significant regulations being developed in agencies of the USDA in conformance with Executive Orders 12866 "Regulatory Planning and Review," and 13563, "Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review."</p>		<p>If you're interested in status of rules in progress, here's your document</p>

<p>Dept. of Health and Human Services / Food and Drug Administration (FDA) N/A</p>	<p>Notice: General Considerations for Animal Studies Intended To Evaluate Medical Devices; Guidance for Industry and Food and Drug Administration Staff; Availability</p>	<p>The FDA is announcing the availability of a final guidance entitled “General Considerations for Animal Studies Intended to Evaluate Medical Devices.” FDA developed this guidance document to assist medical device sponsors, testing facilities, and other persons involved in designing, conducting, and reporting the results of animal studies intended to assess the safety of medical devices to support premarket submissions. These animal studies typically provide initial evidence of device safety, which may include device performance and handling, and the biological effects when used in a living system.</p>		
<p>Dept. of Interior / FWS N/A</p>	<p>Notice: Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Three Species Not Warranted for Listing as Endangered or Threatened Species</p>	<p>FWS announced findings that three species are not warranted for listing as endangered or threatened species: evening fieldslug, Mammoth Spring crayfish and Weber's Whitlow grass. However, FWS asks the public to submit to it at any time any new information relevant to the status of any of the species mentioned above or their habitats.</p>		
FINAL RULES				
<p>Dept. of Interior / FWS Effective 8/2/2023</p>	<p>Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Experimental Populations</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>