

1999 Enacted And Vetoed Animal Legislation

The following list is a compilation of laws and resolutions that were passed by state legislatures in 1999 and then signed into law or vetoed. The list includes legislation that had a positive, negative, or neutral impact on animals. For a copy of any of these laws and resolutions, or if you have questions, additions, or corrections, please e-mail Julie Janovsky at jjanovsky@hsus.org.

ALASKA

AK S.B. 74 Game Management

Authorizes an employee of the Department of Fish and Game, as part of the game management program, to shoot or assist in shooting wolf, wolverine, fox, or lynx on the same day that the employee is airborne.

Vetoed: July 9, 1999

ARIZONA

AZ S.B. 1174 Animal Cruelty Penalties

Establishes that intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly failing to provide medical attention necessary to prevent protracted suffering to any animal under a person's custody or control is a Class 1 misdemeanor; and establishes that subjecting an animal under a person's custody or control to cruel neglect or abandonment—which results in serious physical injury to the animal—is a Class 6 felony.

Signed into law: [May 4, 1999](#)

AZ H.B. 2578 Specialty License Plates

Allows an organization with less than 200 members to request approval for a special license plate, provided the organization agrees to pay the production and program costs of the special plate.

Signed into law: [May 4, 1999](#)

ARKANSAS

AR H.B. 1442 Animal Shelter Procedures

Requires mandatory sterilization of dogs and cats released by pounds, shelters, and humane organizations; and applies to counties with a population of 300,000 or more.

Signed into law: [March 9, 1999](#)

AR H.B. 1256 Guide/Service Dogs

Provides criminal penalties and restitution for killing or injuring guide or service animals and search-and-rescue dogs.

Signed into law: [March 15, 1999](#)

AR H.B. 1440 Feral Hogs

Allows the taking of feral hogs; and establishes a crime of allowing hogs to run at large.

Signed into law: [March 9, 1999](#)

AR S.B. 323 Animal Racing

A law to allow the broadcast of greyhound racing at gambling facilities that do not have live racing.

Signed into law: [March 8, 1999](#)

AR H.C.R. 1002 Beaver Control

Requests the state Game and Fish Commission to study the problem of beaver overpopulation in Arkansas and initiate a beaver control program.

Resolution adopted: [February 24, 1999](#)

CALIFORNIA

CA A.B. 1482 Animal Shelter Procedures

Amends existing provisions that require an animal to be held for a minimum amount of time by a public pound or specified shelter before being killed: Until July 1, 2000, a public agency that contracted with another public or private entity to provide or receive animal shelter or animal pound holding services on January 1, 1999, by resolution may comply with specified holding period that is in effect on June 30, 1999, if specified conditions are met.

Signed into Law: [July 12, 1999](#)

CA A.B. 1540 Animal Abandonment

Amends an existing law that makes it a misdemeanor to willfully abandon any animal: The provision is inapplicable to the release or rehabilitation and release of native California wildlife pursuant to statute or regulations of the California Department of Fish and Game.

Chaptered by secretary of state: [September 2, 1999](#)

CA S.B. 103 Dangerous Dogs

Establishes that when any person owns or has custody or control of a dog trained to fight, attack, or kill, and as a result of that person's failure to exercise ordinary care, the dog bites a human being on two separate occasions, the offense is punishable as a felony or misdemeanor.

Chaptered by secretary of state: August 30, 1999

CA S.B. 490 Reporting Animal Abuse

Prohibits a veterinarian from disclosing information concerning an animal receiving veterinary care, the client responsible for that animal, or the veterinary care provided to an animal—except under specified circumstances; and establishes misdemeanor penalties for violations.

Chaptered by secretary of state: September 16, 1999

CA A.B. 560 Mountain Lions

Authorizes the legislature to amend or repeal provisions of Proposition 117, the Mountain Lion Protection Initiative, which authorizes the California Department of Fish and Game to remove or take any mountain lion or to authorize an appropriate local agency with public safety responsibility to remove or take any mountain lion that is perceived by the Department of Fish and Game to be an imminent threat to public health or safety.

Chaptered by secretary of state: September 17, 1999

COLORADO

CO S.B. 137 Animal Shelter Procedures

Clarifies when an animal becomes the property of a licensed pet animal shelter (after three days); establishes financial bonding requirements for the costs of holding impounded animals during animal cruelty investigations; and defines acceptable euthanasia techniques as means to produce a humane death by techniques accepted by the American Veterinary Medical Association.

[Signed into law: April 19, 1999](#)

CO H.B. 1313 Wildlife Administration

Revises statutory provisions governing the membership of the Wildlife Commission in the Department of Natural Resources.

[Signed into law: May 17, 1999](#)

CO S.B. 111 Rodent Release

Prohibits the release of destructive rodent pests into a county without the prior approval of the board of county commissioners.

[Signed into law: March 25, 1999](#)

CO S.B. 112 Dangerous Dogs

Regulates dangerous dogs and how such animals should be housed and kept.

[Signed into law: April 13, 1999](#)

CO H.B. 1228 Veterinary Records

Places limitations on access to an animal's veterinary records and exempts certain records in the custody of a state institution from inspection under the open records law.

Signed into law: April 22, 1999

CONNECTICUT

CT S.B. 2001A Wildlife Fertility Control

Provides funding for a research program on wildlife fertility control.

Signed into law: June 29, 1999

CT S.B. 1249 Pet Owner/Rental Agreements

Allows an individual to have a pet in an elderly housing project if the project allowed pets when the individual applied for admission.

Signed into law: May 27, 1999

DELAWARE

DE H.B. 79 Snow Geese Hunting

Permits the use of “non-traditional” methods to hunt snow geese, such as by bait, electronic calls, and unplugged shotguns, provided such methods are not prohibited by the federal government.

Signed into law: June 14, 1999

DE H.B. 63 Animal Cruelty Provisions

Adds the act of those who do not properly maintain sanitary living conditions for animals to the list of offenses under “cruel neglect” under animal cruelty.

Signed into law: June 28, 1999

DE S.B. 103 Animal Cruelty Provisions

Amends the Justice of the Peace Court jurisdiction to reflect changes to the statute on cruelty to animals in the Criminal Code, making some of the provisions a Class F felony.

[Signed into law: June 25, 1999](#)

FLORIDA

FL H.B. 1855 Horse Rodeos

Establishes that a person who intentionally trips, fells, ropes, or lassoes the legs of a horse by any means for the purpose of wagering for entertainment or sport purposes shall be guilty of a third-degree felony.

[Signed into law: June 18, 1999](#)

HAWAII

HI S.B. 942 Wildlife Sanctuaries

Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to manage and preserve wildlife sanctuaries from public hunting.

[Signed into law: June 25, 1999](#)

IDAHO

ID S.B. 1115 Animal Racing

Amends existing law to authorize the continuation of pari-mutuel wagering on simulcast and televised dog races in Idaho.

[Signed into law: March 29, 1999](#)

ID S.B. 1047 Animal Theft

Establishes civil and criminal damages (compensation) when there is a theft or unlawful destruction of fur-bearing animals used for commercial purposes or records pertaining thereto.

Signed into law: [March 23, 1999](#)

ID H.B. 136 Animal Killing Penalties

Amends existing law to establish misdemeanor and civil penalties for trespassing and killing certain animals, or trespassing with intent to kill certain animals.

Signed into law: [March 18, 1999](#)

ID S.B. 1112 Law Enforcement Animals

Amends existing law to clarify that the state of Idaho, city or county, or a peace officer employed by the state, city or county, shall not be civilly or criminally liable for the use of dogs used in law enforcement activities if harm or injury occurs.

Signed into law: [March 24, 1999](#)

ID H.B. 312 At-Large Animals

Establishes infraction penalties for dog-at-large violations—punishable by a penalty not exceeding \$100 and no imprisonment.

Signed into law: [March 24, 1999](#)

ID H.B. 370 Farm Animals

Gives the Department of Health and Welfare the authority to promulgate

rules regarding large swine and poultry feeding operations.

Signed into law: [March 24, 1999](#)

ILLINOIS

IL H.B. 753 Animal Cruelty Penalties

Amends Humane Care for Animals Act by creating the offense of animal torture as a Class 4 felony; establishing that a second or subsequent offense is a Class 3 felony; and requiring the offender to undergo psychological or psychiatric evaluation and treatment.

Vetoed: [September 30, 1999](#)

IL S.B. 374 Animal Cruelty Penalties

Amends the Humane Care for Animals Act by making the offense of animal torture a Class 4 felony, committed when a person inflicts extreme physical pain on an animal with the intent to increase or prolong the animal's pain, suffering, or agony; establishes that a second or subsequent offense is a Class 3 felony; and requires that a person convicted of the offense shall be required to undergo psychological or psychiatric evaluation and treatment.

Signed into law: [July 29, 1999](#)

IL H.B. 810 Animal Cruelty Penalties

Changes the penalty for a second or subsequent offense of aggravated cruelty to companion animal from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class 4 felony.

Signed into law: [July 29, 1999](#)

IL S.B. 163 Recreational Hunting/Trapping

Amends the Department of Natural Resources Act by requiring the department to recognize, preserve, and promote recreational hunting and trapping by providing opportunities to hunt and trap in accordance with the wildlife code.

Signed into law: August 14, 1999

IL H.B. 811 Dissection Alternatives

Allows schools to excuse a student from performing or observing dissection and may allow the student instead to perform an alternative project; establishes that students may not be penalized for refusing to participate in or observe dissection; directs the state Board of Education to develop guidelines for notifying students and parents about courses that include dissection; and requires the Illinois Community College Board and Board of Higher Education to include this act in their customary notices.

Vetoed: September 30, 1999

IL S.B. 1199 Livestock Management

Amends the Livestock Waste Management Facilities Act by requiring that, within seven days after receiving a form giving notice of intent to construct a new livestock management facility or livestock waste handling facility serving 1,000 or more animal units, the Department of Agriculture shall send a copy of the notice form to the county board of the county in which the facility is or will be located.

Signed into law: July 13, 1999

IL S.B. 1068 Wildlife Control

Establishes that, subject to Illinois Endangered Species Act, the Department of Natural Resources may authorize landowners and tenants to remove or destroy wildlife that is destroying property or causing a risk to human health or safety; and requires the department to make an investigation of damage due to birds.

Certified by governor: [December 15, 1999](#)

INDIANA

IN H.B. 1878 Wildlife Violator Compact

Adopts the Wildlife Violator Compact, which states that a person may have their license to take a wild animal revoked for violating wildlife law while in another jurisdiction that has adopted the Wildlife Violator Compact; requires that wildlife officers issue citations to state residents and Wildlife Violator Compact jurisdiction residents in the same manner; and provides for membership on the Board of Compact Administrators.

Signed into law: [April 19, 1999](#)

IOWA

IA S.B. 67 Swans/Cranes

Assesses civil damages for the illegal taking of a swan or a crane.

Signed into law: [April 23, 1999](#)

IA S.B. 265 Muskrat Traps

Authorizes the Natural Resource Commission of the state Department of Natural Resources to allow the taking of muskrats with the use of colony traps as provided by rule of the commission.

[Signed into law: April 21, 1999](#)

LOUISIANA

LA H.B. 127 Specialty License Plates

Provides for the creation of an "Animal Friendly" license plate; requires that the Department of Public Safety and Corrections forward monies obtained from license plates to the state treasury; establishes the Pet Overpopulation Fund; and requires that monies from the fund be used to provide reduced-cost sterilizations of adult animals to indigent pet owners.

[Signed into law: June 11, 1999](#)

LA S.R. 75 Canned Hunts

Condemns canned hunting.

[Signed into law: June 20, 1999](#)

LA H.S.R. 11 White-Tail Deer

Requests a study on the issues of raising and hunting white-tail deer on farms and in enclosures.

[Resolution adopted](#)

LA S.B. 937 Wild Box Turtles

Prohibits the commercial harvest of wild box turtles; regulates the taking

of wild box turtles for noncommercial purposes; and establishes penalties.

[Signed into law: June 9, 1999](#)

LA S.B. 349 Hunting Regulations

Allows the use of dogs while hunting nutria; allows hunts to take place between sunrise and sunset; and requires that the hunts not be allowed during turkey nesting season or deer hunting season.

[Signed into law: June 9, 1999](#)

LA H.B. 1083 Beaver Hunting

Requires hunters to attain a special hunting license to hunt beavers at night.

[Signed into law: June 9, 1999](#)

LA H.B. 1562 Feral Hogs

Clarifies hours for the taking of “outlaw quadrupeds” and adds feral hogs to the definition of “outlaw quadrupeds.”

[Signed into law: June 18, 1999](#)

LA H.B. 1207 Hunting Permits

Establishes that landowners may hunt raccoon, opossums, and squirrels to protect crops; and requires permits for hunting raccoon, opossums, and squirrels.

[Signed into law: June 9, 1999](#)

MAINE

ME H.B. 903 Animal Cruelty Penalties

Requires that offenders of cruelty to animals and birds must have an intentional, knowing, or reckless state of mind at the time of the crime in order to be convicted; and increases penalties for repeat offenders under certain circumstances to a felony-level offense.

[Signed into law: June 11, 1999](#)

ME H.B. 535 Humane Enforcement

Strengthens enforcement powers of humane agents in the state Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources; establishes education requirement for humane agents; amends laws regarding dangerous dogs; requires rabies tags for dogs; prohibits dogs from riding unsecured in the back of pickup trucks; expands animal damage laws to include all legally defined animals; gives court ability to increase class of animal abuse violation; and prevents animal-cruelty civil violators from owning or keeping animals.

[Signed into law: May 20, 1999](#)

ME H.B. 623 Humane Enforcement

Amends the section of a law regarding “pulling events” by clarifying humane treatment of animals used in these events; and empowers humane agents to work with event superintendents to enforce laws.

[Signed into law: April 16, 1999](#)

ME H.B. 181 Hunting Regulations

Establishes a license issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife authorizing a person to use leashed dogs to track a lawfully wounded deer.

Signed into law: June 10, 1999

ME H.B. 475 Dog Licensing

Increases the late fee for licensing a dog from \$3 to \$10.

Signed into law: May 6, 1999

ME H.B. 433 Dangerous Dogs

Extends the period during which an assault by a dangerous dog may be reported; increases the fine for violations; presumes that the attack was unprovoked if victim is under the age of 12; requires a copy of the report be given to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources; and requires the Department of Education to develop a curriculum to teach children about safe behavior around dogs and other animals; requires public service announcements.

Signed into law: May 28, 1999

ME H.B. 108 Animal Control

Authorizes county commissioners of each county to adopt animal control ordinances within unorganized territory in their county; and requires a 14-day notice of the meeting at which the ordinance is to be proposed.

Signed into law: April 30, 1999

ME H.B. 958 Beaver Dams

Allows a game warden to authorize the removal of a beaver dam without needing a permit under the Natural Resources Protection Laws if the beaver dam, in the opinion of the warden, has caused or may cause damage to private property, including woods or existing private roads.

[Signed into law: May 11, 1999](#)

ME S.B. 846 Farm Animals

Allows the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to revoke a person's certification to prepare nutrient management plans; extends moratorium on swine feeding operations; and requires Environmental Protection and Agricultural departments to agree on pollutant discharge permit process.

[Signed into law: June 17, 1999](#)

MARYLAND

MD H.B. 711 Law Enforcement Dogs

Prohibits a person from inflicting certain injuries, disability, or death on animals used by law enforcement units; and establishes that a person convicted of cruelty to animals may be ordered to undergo psychological counseling.

[Signed into law: May 13, 1999](#)

MD H.B. 214 Animal Cruelty Penalties

Increases the measure of damages for tortuous injuries or death of a pet to include the fair market value of the pet before the injury or death, or the reasonable cost of veterinary care, subject to a damage limit of \$5,000; and clarifies that damages may be recovered for the tortuous injury or death of a pet.

[Signed into law: May 13, 1999](#)

MINNESOTA

MN H.B. 67 Law Enforcement Animals

Imposes penalties for killing or injuring a search-and-rescue dog by including them under the felony-level provisions for killing a police dog.

[Signed into law: April 20, 1999](#)

MISSOURI

MO H.B. 248 Law Enforcement Animals

Creates crimes against police animals; defines “police animal” as a dog, horse or other animal used in a law enforcement or correctional facility, or by a municipal police department, fire department, or rescue unit or agency; and establishes misdemeanor penalties for violations.

[Signed into law: July 1, 1999](#)

MONTANA

MT S.B. 384 Menageries/Zoos

Revises statutes related to roadside menageries and zoos; creates wild animal menageries; provides for terms of operation of wild animal menageries, including the keeping of bears and large cats; clarifies permit application requirements; and provides that roadside and wild animal menageries and zoos may obtain captive-bred wild animals from a licensed zoo, roadside or wild animal menagerie, game farm, fur farm, game bird farm, or animal rehabilitation center.

[Signed into law: April 16, 1999](#)

MT H.B. 325 Barking Dogs

Regulates barking dogs within residential neighborhoods by county ordinance; clarifies exceptions; and provides a penalty for the offense.

Signed into law: [April 5, 1999](#)

NEBRASKA

NE L.B. 573 Animal Euthanasia Procedures

Adopts the Controlled Substances Animal Welfare Act, which allows animal welfare organizations to obtain proper controlled substances for the purpose of humane euthanasia of animals.

Signed into law: [April 28, 1999](#)

NEVADA

NV S.B. 396 Animal Cruelty Penalties

Adds a felony provision to the state anti-cruelty law; makes killing a wild horse a felony; establishes maliciously killing livestock as a felony; and establishes penalties for injuring or killing a police dog or horse.

Signed into law: [June 8, 1999](#)

NV A.B. 221 Animal Cruelty Penalties

Requires the juvenile court to order counseling or other psychological treatment for a child who commits an offense involving cruelty to an animal.

Signed into law: [May 13, 1999](#)

NV A.J.R. 2 Wild Horse Control

Urges Congress to amend provisions of Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act to require population of wild horses to be maintained at certain level.

Resolution adopted: [May 24, 1999](#)

NEW HAMPSHIRE

NH S.B. 59 Animal Cruelty Penalties

Allows the court to require a person convicted of animal cruelty to post bond—in order to maintain a future interest in the animal—while an appeal is pending; and specifies bond use to pay board and care costs during the appeal.

Signed into law: [June 25, 1999](#)

NH H.B. 240 Wolf Control

Prohibits the reintroduction of wolf populations to the state of New Hampshire.

Signed into law: [June 1, 1999](#)

NEW JERSEY

NJ A.B. 2196 Law Enforcement Animals

Changes penalties for killing an animal owned or used by a law enforcement agency from a second-degree crime to a third-degree crime;

and changes penalty for injuring an animal owned or used by a law enforcement agency from a third-degree crime to a fourth-degree crime.

Signed into law: [February 3, 1999](#)

NJ A.B. 1441 Deer Hunting

Defines who may qualify as a farmer for license fee exemption during deer-hunting season.

Signed into law: [May 3, 1999](#)

NJ A.B. 3022 Deer Hunting

Establishes the 18-month trial period authorizing the use of bait when hunting deer as permanent.

Signed into law: [October 4, 1999](#)

NEW MEXICO

NM S.B. 339 Animal Cruelty Penalties

Increases criminal penalties for cruelty to animals (felony-level penalty covering all animals); permits seizure of animals; and establishes criminal penalties for injury to or harassment of a police dog, police horse, or fire dog.

Signed into law: [April 1, 1999](#)

NM S.B. 252 Jaguars

Establishes that the jaguar is a protected animal; and provides for criminal and civil penalties for violation.

Signed into law: March 15, 1999

NEW YORK

NY A.B. 8338 Animal Cruelty Penalties

Creates the crime of aggravated cruelty to companion and farm animals; and establishes aggravated cruelty as a felony.

Signed into law: June 28, 1999

NY A.B. 1738 Canned Hunts

Prohibits canned shoots for a fee of non-native big game mammals as defined, including cougar, wolf, bear, certain deer, and bison; and establishes fines or imprisonment or both for violation of the provision.

Signed into law: July 6, 1999

NY S.B. 5657 Bears

Extends authority to the Department of Environmental Conservation to adopt regulations restricting the feeding, taking, possession, and disposal of bears.

Signed into law: June 29, 1999

NY A.B. 1158 Pigeons

Authorizes any city in the state to prohibit the taking of pigeons by the use of poisonous substances.

Vetoed: July 27, 1999

NORTH CAROLINA

NC H.B. 326 Zoos/Aquarium Procedures

Allows the Division of North Carolina Aquariums to dispose of exhibits from the collections of the aquariums in accordance with generally accepted practices for accredited zoos and aquariums.

Signed into law: [May 14, 1999](#)

NC H.B. 1246 Specialty License Plates

Authorizes the Division of Motor Vehicles to issue special registration plates to animal lovers to promote spaying and neutering of dogs and cats.

Signed into law [August 10, 1999](#)

NORTH DAKOTA

ND H.B. 1315 Animal Abandonment

Adds abandonment of animals at a boarding facility for more than 48 hours as a crime in the animal cruelty code.

Signed into law: [March 25, 1999](#)

ND H.B. 1146 Animal Control

Permits the Boards of county commissioners to regulate the confinement and control of dogs, cats, and other household pets, provided the regulations do not conflict with rules adopted by the state board of animal health.

Signed into law: [March 31, 1999](#)

ND H.C.R. 3018 Gaming Heritage

Resolves that hunting, trapping, and fishing and the taking of game and fish are a valued part of our heritage in North Dakota and will be forever preserved for the people and managed by law and regulation for the public good.

[Resolution filed with secretary of state](#)

ND H.C.R. 3021 Prairie Dogs

Urges United States Fish and Wildlife Service not to list the blacktailed prairie dog, *Cynomys ludovicianus*, as a threatened or endangered species under the Endangered Species Act.

[Resolution adopted](#)

OREGON

Administrative Ruling

Prohibits the hunting of privately held exotic and game mammals.

[Effective: April 26, 1999](#)

OR S.B. 795 Dangerous Dogs

Creates a schedule of progressive civil penalties and remedial measures for a county having a dog control program to use when a dog kills, wounds, injures, or chases livestock; requires offering the dog owner the opportunity for a hearing; requires microchip identification of dogs killing, wounding, injuring or chasing livestock; establishes a record keeping system to track the history of the offending dogs and owners; and allows

the county to file a lien to recover civil penalties.

Signed into law: [July 19, 1999](#)

OR S.B. 1168 Dog/Cat Fur Trade

Creates crime of dealing in fur products of domestic cat or dog if fur is obtained through process that kills or maims cat or dog; and establishes punishment of maximum one year of imprisonment, fine, or both.

Signed into law [August 20, 1999](#)

OR H.B. 2425 At-Large Animals

Removes negligence element from offense of keeping dog that runs at large; increases maximum fine for maintaining dog that is public nuisance; allows court to impose conditions, including sterilization, on keeping of dog that is public nuisance upon first offense; allows court to order destruction of dog or impose other measures when dog bites person; specifies factors to be considered in determining whether to kill dog; and increases maximum fine for keeping dog that bites person.

Signed into law: [July 13, 1999](#)

OR S.B. 601 Animal Trusts

Establishes that animal of value of less than \$2,500 kept by decedent as pet is not part of estate; and allows family member or friend to take custody of animal immediately upon death of decedent.

Signed into law: [July 14, 1999](#)

OR S.B. 993 Animal Control

Requires state Department of Fish and Wildlife to offer bear and cougar taken for damage control first to landowner incurring damage; and

requires State Fish and Wildlife Director to compile bimonthly report about animals taken for damage control.

Signed into law: July 8, 1999

OR H.B. 2119 Exotic Pets

Requires seller of exotic animal to provide buyer with informational material; changes the definition of exotic animal; provides for regulation of keeping exotic animals and restriction of animal permits on the basis of undue physical or financial risk to the public; imposes strict liability on keepers of exotic animals except when injury or escape is result of willful or unlawful act by other person; and increases the fees for issuance and renewal of exotic animal permits.

Signed into law: July 14, 1999

OR S.B. 988 Marine Mammal Control

Directs state Department of Fish and Wildlife to submit program to obtain control over marine mammal populations in Oregon waters from federal government; and defines optimum sustainable population.

Vetoed: July 8, 1999

PENNSYLVANIA

PA H.B. 124 Animal Cruelty

Prohibits sexual intercourse with an animal.

Signed into law: June 18, 1999

PA H.B. 779 Law Enforcement Animals

Amends the Crimes and Offenses Code by establishing crimes against police animals; and establishes penalties and restitution.

[Signed into law: June 22, 1999](#)

RHODE ISLAND

RI S.B. 497 Pet Management

Requires cats to be identified with a collar or other identification.

[Signed into law \(Without governor's signature\)](#)

SOUTH CAROLINA

SC S.B. 27 Animal Prizes

Makes it unlawful to give away a live animal as a prize for, or as an inducement to enter, any contest, game, or other competition, or as an inducement to enter a place of amusement, or as an incentive to enter into any business agreement if the offer made was for the purpose of attracting trade; and establishes penalties, exceptions, and related matters.

[Signed into law: June 11, 1999](#)

SOUTH DAKOTA

SD H.B. 1040 Hunting Regulations

Repeals some restrictions regarding the hunting of black bears, mountain lions, and wolves; and establishes civil damages for the unlawful taking of

mountain lions.

Signed into law: February 12, 1999

TENNESSEE

TN H.B. 411/S.B. 300 Specialty License Plates

Authorizes issuance of “Animal Friendly” specialty earmarked license plates; and earmarks revenues from sale thereof to fund animal sterilization programs.

Signed into law: March 31, 1999

TN H.B. 252/S.B. 344 Animal Disposal

Allows persons to consume or prepare, for personal use, wild animals that have been accidentally killed on Tennessee roadways.

Signed into law (without governor’s signature)

TN H.B. 696/S.B. 414 Veterinary Practice Act

Deletes the category of animal technician or veterinary medical technician under the Veterinary Practice Act and replaces it with new categories for “veterinary technician” and “licensed veterinary technician;” and deletes the requirement that tasks and procedures, performed by a technician under the employing veterinarian's direct supervision, be performed in the veterinarian's office.

Signed into law: June 14, 1999

TN H.B. 1123/S.B. 1607 Rabies Vaccinations

Specifies that rabies vaccination certificates must be provided by either

Department of Health or licensed veterinarian.

Signed into law: June 14, 1999

TN S.B. 187/H.B. 276 Dangerous Dogs

Authorizes any home rule municipality to adopt local ordinances to regulate disposition of dangerous dogs and/or dogs causing death or serious injury to humans or other animals.

Signed into law (Without governor's signature)

TEXAS

TX H.B. 871 Animal Shelter Procedures

Exempts animals sold by some animal shelters from the sales tax.

Signed into law: May 28, 1999

TX S.B. 221 Dangerous Dogs

Assesses costs or fees by a county or municipality related to the seizure, acceptance, impoundment, or destruction of a dangerous dog; requires humane treatment; and requires the owner to pay associated costs.

Signed into law: May 17, 1999

TX H.R. 143 Rattlesnake Round-Up

Honors the Sweetwater Jaycees and commemorates the 41st annual World's Largest Rattlesnake Round-Up.

Resolution adopted (House): February 16, 1999

TX S.R. 204 Rattlesnake Round-Up

Commends the participants in the Sweetwater Rattlesnake Round-Up.

[Resolution adopted \(Senate\): February 16, 1999](#)

TX S.B. 1429 Predatory Animals

Increases the amount charged for bounties for predatory animals from a maximum of \$20 to a maximum of \$50.

[Signed into law: June 19, 1999](#)

UTAH

UT H.B. 196 Hunting Licenses

Eliminates the requirement to obtain a small game license to take cougar or bear.

[Signed into law: March 18, 1999](#)

UT S.B. 45 Elk Hunting

Deletes the prohibition against hunting domesticated elk; and provides rulemaking authority to the Department of Agriculture and Food governing the possession, transportation, and accompanying document of domesticated elk carcasses.

[Signed into law \(Without governor's signature\)](#)

VIRGINIA

VA S.B. 851 Animal Cruelty Penalties

Makes a second or subsequent animal cruelty offense a Class 6 felony if both offenses resulted in the death or euthanasia of an animal; and

establishes immunity from liability for veterinarians who report cases of suspected animal cruelty.

Signed into law: [March 28, 1999](#)

VA H.B. 1654 Dogfighting Penalties

Allows localities to require owners of animals seized due to suspected violations of animal care requirements to post bond for the cost of boarding the animals until the matter is adjudicated; allows courts to prohibit those convicted of violating the prohibition against dogfighting from owning other companion animals; and prohibits aiding or abetting or permitting on ones property any of the acts currently prohibited by the dogfighting statute.

Signed into law: [March 16, 1999](#)

VA H.B. 2322 Animal Cruelty Penalties

Requires any person convicted of an animal cruelty violation to attend an anger management or other appropriate treatment program, or obtain psychiatric or psychological counseling; and imposes the costs of such a program or counseling upon the person convicted.

Signed into law: [March 17, 1999](#)

VA S.B. 1259 Dog/Cat Fur Trade

Prohibits killing dogs or cats for their fur; makes violation of this provision a Class 1 misdemeanor; and makes second offense a Class 6 felony.

Signed into law: [March 28, 1999](#)

VA H.B. 2323/S.B. 1260 Dog/Cat Fur Trade

Makes selling garments containing dog or cat fur an offense punishable by

a fine of up to \$10,000.

Signed into law: [March 28, 1999](#)

VA S.B. 918 Dangerous Dogs

Allows Fairfax County (described by form of government) to adopt ordinances which prohibits persons from training dogs on residential property to attack.

Signed into law: [March 29, 1999](#)

VA H.B. 2155/S.B. 935 Animal Shelter Procedures

Allows stray animals confined in shelters or pounds to be adopted by any resident of the Commonwealth; and requires that animals who are adopted by persons who are not residents of the locality for which the pound or shelter is operated or an adjacent locality must be sterilized prior to adoption.

Signed into law: [March 28, 1999](#)

VA S.B. 949 Coyote Control

Authorizes localities to permit the killing of coyotes within their boundaries and pay bounties for coyotes killed.

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VA H.B. 2124 Bear Trade

Extends the prohibition on the buying and selling of bear.

Signed into law: [March 17, 1999](#)

VA H.B. 1982 Humane Investigators

Allows a circuit court to revoke the appointment of a humane investigator

for good cause shown.

Signed into law: [March 24, 1999](#)

VA H.B. 1906 At-Large Animals

Allows localities to charge a fee to owners of wild, poisonous, or exotic animals found running at large to cover the locality's cost in capturing the animal.

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VA H.B. 1797 Specialty License Plates

Authorizes issuance of special license plates, including a plate for supporters of greyhound adoption programs.

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VA H.B. 1532 Exotic Pets

Raises the penalty for keeping an exotic reptile or any type of reptile not native to the Commonwealth of Virginia in a manner that will permit its escape or to knowingly permit the reptile to run at large from a Class 4 to a Class 2 misdemeanor.

Signed into law: [March 15, 1999](#)

VA H.B. 1207 Poultry Management

Requires the State Water Control Board to establish a regulatory program for poultry waste management in the Chesapeake Bay watershed; and requires that the program addresses nutrient management plans, nutrient budgets, storage of waste, and poultry grower and processor responsibility for waste storage, management, and disposal.

Signed into law: [January 29, 1999](#)

VA H.B. 2487 Gaming Procedures

Requires the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to use accepted scientific principles and procedures in managing the Commonwealth's wildlife and natural resources.

[Signed into law: March 17, 1999](#)

VA H.B. 2692 Animal Control

Requires the director of the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to issue a kill permit for the taking of a bear or deer on land used for commercial agricultural production; and requires the disposal of a bear or deer within 24 hours of when they were killed.

[Signed into law: March 27, 1999](#)

VA H.J.R. 523 Gaming Rights

Adds a provision to Article XI (Conservation) to state that the people have the right to hunt, fish, or take game subject to reasonable restrictions.

[Resolution adopted](#)

WEST VIRGINIA

WV S.B. 525 Bear Parts

Makes it illegal to sell the organs and feet of a legally killed bear.

[Signed into law: March 30, 1999](#)

WV H.B. 2790 Rabies Management

Requires confinement of any domestic animal bitten by a rabid or

suspected rabid animal; extends the confinement period if the animal is not vaccinated; and extends the penalties for violations.

Signed into law: [April 2, 1999](#)