

2000 Enacted And Vetoed Legislation

The following list is a compilation of laws and resolutions that were passed by state legislatures in 2000 and then signed into law or vetoed by the governor. This 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.

ALABAMA

AL H.B. 182 Animal Cruelty Penalties

Establishes extreme, intentional acts of cruelty as a Class C Felony.

Signed into law: [May 23, 2000](#).

AL H.B. 790 Hunting Permits

Increases the special license fee for persons hunting on operated wildlife management areas; requires a license for persons utilizing shooting ranges on state-operated wildlife management areas under certain conditions; provides for an increase in non-resident hunting licenses; provides for 10-day and 3-day trip non-resident small-game and all-game hunting licenses and fees; and provides for a sportsman's license in lieu of certain other hunting and fishing licenses.

Signed into law: [May 24, 2000](#).

ALASKA

AK H.B. 204 Elk Breeding

Establishes that elk may be raised and bred as domestic stock for commercial purposes; and permits the sale of elk meat by a person who lawfully owns the elk and who holds a current valid elk farming license.

Signed into law: May 11, 2000.

AK S.B. 267 Wolf Control

Allows the state Game Commission to hold aerial killing of Alaskan wolves in the name of predator reduction.

Governor's veto overridden: April 21, 2000

Sent to lieutenant governor for filing: April 21, 2000

AK H.J.R. 56 Hunting Regulations

Proposes an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska prohibiting that permit, regulate, prohibit, or prescribe seasons or methods for the taking of or transportation of wildlife.

Resolution filed: May 25, 2000

Ballot measure failed in general election

ARIZONA

AZ H.B. 2490 Rabies Vaccinations

Revises the rabies vaccination certificate requirements and dog-licensing time frames; and allows veterinarians to present the vaccination certificate to the county enforcement agency for the purposes of issuing a dog license.

Signed into law: [March 27, 2000](#)

AZ H.B. 2555 Hunting Regulations

Permits a minor (child) to use their parent's or legal guardian's big-game permit or tag as long as the permit or tag is transferred to the child, the parent or guardian accompanies the child within 50 yards, and the child possesses a class F or G license and, if under age 14, completes an approved hunter education course.

Signed into law: [April 24, 2000](#)

AZ S.B. 1092 Posting Provisions

Requires the Arizona Game and Fish Commission or department to report quarterly to the joint legislative budget committee the balance of the Game and Fish Publications Revolving Fund; and states that landowners or lessees of private lands may prohibit hunting, fishing or trapping on their lands without their written permission by posting notices of certain specifications.

Signed into law: [April 4, 2000](#)

CALIFORNIA

CA A.B. 238 Animal Ordinances

Allows a city and/or county to adopt an ordinance that regulates the disposition of bullfrogs and turtles in live animal markets, but does not include any humane or environmental provisions.

Chaptered by secretary of state: [September 30, 2000](#)

CA A.B. 860 Pet Bans

Forbids condominiums and mobile home parks from completely banning pets.
[Chaptered by secretary of state: September 20, 2000](#)

CA A.B. 954 Habitat Protection

Provides that when considering whether a project provides maximum feasible public access in areas of sensitive habitat, the commission shall, after consultation with the state Department of Fish and Game, and using the best available scientific evidence, determine whether the access is compatible with wildlife protection in the bay.

[Chaptered by secretary of state: September 19, 2000](#)

CA A.B. 1173 Slaughterhouses

Redefines livestock to include fallow deer and permits the slaughtering of these animals at state-inspected slaughterhouses.

[Chaptered by secretary of state: September 11, 2000](#)

CA A.B. 1178 Bird Protection

Establishes that violating specified provisions of the Fish and Game Code that protects birds is punishable by a fine, imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six months, or both.

[Chaptered by secretary of state: September 11, 2000](#)

CA A.B. 1241 Humane Society Procedures

Amends the Child Abuse Neglect and Reporting Act; recasts the list of specified persons who are required to report incidents of suspected child abuse or neglect; specifies information required in a telephone report; requires firefighters, animal control officers and humane society officers to report suspected child abuse and neglect even if they have not received specialized

training in child abuse identification and reporting; and changes the reporting agencies.

Chaptered by secretary of state: September 29, 2000

CA A.B. 1786 Animal Adoptions

Provides that kittens or puppies relinquished by the purported owner, or brought in by any other person, at pounds or shelters may immediately be available for adoption.

Chaptered by secretary of state: July 3, 2000

CA A.B. 2479 Animal Cruelty Provisions

Requires that animals in live markets be held under humane conditions; and prohibits dismemberment, flaying, cutting open, or removing the skin, scales, feathers or shell of an animal while it is still alive.

Chaptered by secretary of state: September 30, 2000

CA A.B. 2569 Standardbred Horses

Defines "California-bred standardbred horse" as a standardbred foal dropped by a mare in California, after being conceived in California by a standardbred stallion registered with the California Standardbred Sire Stakes Program; and expands authority of the California Horse Racing Board to include the importation, by a licensed California harness racing association of races conducted by a racing association, conducting the Breeder's Crown Stakes.

Vetoed by governor: September 27, 2000

CA A.B. 2754 Animal Shelter Provisions

Revises current provisions to provide that, except as specified, the holding period would be six business days, not counting the day of impoundment, that

any stray dog or cat that is impounded shall, prior to the euthanasia of the dog or cat, be released to a nonprofit animal rescue or adoption organization if requested by the organization prior to the scheduled euthanasia of that animal.

Chaptered by secretary of state: [September 21, 2000](#)

CA S.B. 1462 Rodeos

Requires a veterinarian to be on call at all times during rodeo performances to treat injured animals; and bans electric prods in chutes and requires veterinarians to report injuries to the State Veterinary Medical Board.

Chaptered by secretary of state: [September 30, 2000](#)

CA S.B. 2082 Animal Testing

Prohibits manufacturers and testing facilities from using animal tests on certain products if a validated alternative is accepted by ICCVAM and approved by the appropriate federal agency.

Chaptered by secretary of state: [September 18, 2000](#)

CA S.B. 2149 Exotic Animals

Makes it a crime to sell or exchange an exotic animal to a hunting ranch with the exception of certain game species.

Vetoed by governor: [September 29, 2000](#)

CA A.C.R. 129 Spay Day

Declares February 29, 2000, to be Spay Day, and would request that Californians observe that day by having their dogs or cats spayed or neutered.

Resolution chaptered by secretary of state: [March 1, 2000](#)

COLORADO

CO H.B. 1098 Wildlife Habitats

Authorizes the implementation of the Wildlife Conservation Landowner Preference Program for wildlife habitat improvement.

[Signed into law: June 1, 2000](#)

CO H.B. 1255 Hunting Licenses

Expands the existing authority of the division of wildlife to issue up to four male or female deer licenses, four male or female elk licenses, and four male or female antelope license each year through a competitive auction or raffle.

[Signed into law: June 1, 2000](#)

CO H.B. 1267 Pet Facility Licensing

Terminates the agency on licensing of pet animal facilities, as part of the “Pet Animal Care and Facilities Act,” on July 1, 2009.

[Signed into law: May 30, 2000](#)

CO H.B. 1314 Endangered Species

Authorizes the Division of Wildlife to reintroduce in Colorado two endangered species that are listed under the Federal “Endangered Species Act of 1973”; and authorizes the reintroduction of the Bonytail and the Black-footed Ferret.

[Signed into law: April 18, 2000](#)

CO H.B. 1322 Species Reintroduction

Requires the general assembly to act by bill prior to the introduction or reintroduction of any species into Colorado; requires the Department of Natural Resources to conduct study and prepare report of the impact of the

introduction of species prior to such introduction; provides for compensation for land used by species; and establishes standards for introduction failure; prohibits reintroduction of such species after such a failure unless a bill is approved to do so.

Signed into law: [May 24, 2000](#)

CO H.B. 1330 Animal Cruelty Penalties

Stipulates that the court shall order psychological evaluation before sentencing of those convicted of animal cruelty.

Signed into law: [June 1, 2000](#)

CO H.B. 1364 Spaying/Neutering Pets

Allows animal shelters to charge an additional deposit of \$50 for animals that are adopted without having been spayed or neutered; and creates a special license plate to increase funding for spaying and neutering of pets.

Vetoed by governor: [May 26, 2000](#)

CO H.J.R. 1031 Endangered Species

Establishes funding for programs designed to conserve native species that have been listed as threatened or endangered under state or federal law, or are candidate species, or are likely to become candidate species, as determined by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

Resolution passed: [June 2, 2000](#)

DELAWARE

DE H.B. 360 Red Foxes

Allows private landowners to manage the red foxes on their property, provided there is a wildlife management plan approved by the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control for the property; and allows for possession of red foxes legally harvested.

Signed into law: [June 23, 2000](#)

DE H.B. 367 Poisonous Snakes

Prohibits the possession of poisonous snakes not native to or generally found in Delaware.

Signed into law: [April 18, 2000](#)

DE H.B. 599 Animal Fighting Penalties

Makes animal fighting and baiting a class G felony.

Signed into law: [July 13, 2000](#)

DE S.B. 374 Dog/Cat Fur Trade

Prohibits the sale or barter of dog or cat fur or hair, and any products made there from; and prohibits the sale or barter of dog or cat flesh, and any products made there from for human consumption.

Signed into law: [June 30, 2000](#)

FLORIDA

FL S.B. 150 Dog/Cat Fur Trade

Prohibits the killing of a dog or cat with the sole intent of selling or giving away the pelt of the animal.

Signed into law: [June 5, 2000](#)

FL S.B. 1788 Sea Turtles

Deletes an obsolete deadline for designation of coastal areas to be used by sea turtles for nesting.

Signed into law: June 7, 2000

GEORGIA

GA H.B. 719 Animal Control Board

Deletes a restriction against a member of an animal control board participating in a hearing regarding a dog where the member had previously participated in the classification of that dog as a potentially dangerous dog or dangerous dog.

Signed into law: May 1, 2000

GA H.B. 1256 Guide/Service Dogs

Changes provisions relating to the ability of visually or physically disabled persons a deaf persons to use guide or service dogs; expands places where guide or service dogs in training are permitted; and enhances penalties for denial of access.

Signed into law: May 1, 2000

GA H.B. 1311 Law Enforcement Animals

Provides for the licensing of non-governmental search-and-rescue dog teams; and prohibits the performance of any rescue or emergency management activity by such non-governmental search-and-rescue dog teams unless licensed.

Signed into law: April 19, 2000

GA H.B. 1409 Feral Hogs

Provides that the Department of Natural Resources may issue permits to trap, transport and release, or kill wildlife and feral hogs under certain circumstances where such action is otherwise prohibited by law; and provides that the department shall specify such conditions upon such permits as the department deems necessary.

Signed into law: [April 19, 2000](#)

GA H.B. 1465 Deer Hunting

Increases the bag limit for deer killed during hunting season.

Signed into law: [May 1, 2000](#)

GA S.B. 297 Animal Cruelty Penalties

Makes it unlawful to obstruct the Commissioner of Agriculture and other officials; provides for penalties; makes it unlawful to abandon a domestic animal; provides for reports of animal cruelty or dog fighting by veterinarians and staff; provides for immunity from civil or criminal action for person making such reports; and defines the offenses of cruelty to animals and aggravated cruelty to animals (felony provision).

Signed into law: [April 27, 2000](#)

HAWAII

HI H.B. 1947 Shark Parts

Limits the possession, purchase, sale, or trade of shark fins.

Signed into law: [June 22, 2000](#)

HI H.B. 2801 Hog Farms

Establishes a mandatory survey and sampling of swine farms in the state to determine the incidence of Porcine Respiratory and Reproductive Syndrome.

Signed into law: [June 14, 2000](#)

HI S.B. 1095 Handgun Hunting

Authorizes an additional two years to allow adequate time to implement and evaluate the effect of handgun hunting.

Signed into law: [May 16, 2000](#)

HI S.B. 2134 Animal Quarantines

Provides a fee discount for state-required animal quarantine charges for active duty military personnel.

Signed into law: [June 22, 2000](#)

IDAHO

ID H.B. 626 Wild Animals

Establishes the duties of the sheriff with regard to preventing the unauthorized importation of wild omnivores or carnivores and how the sheriff can better protect people and private property from wild omnivores or carnivores.

Signed into law: [April 14, 2000](#)

ID S.B. 1398 Cattle Operations

Establishes the "Beef Cattle Environmental Control Act" and provides authority and duties of the director concerning beef cattle animal feeding operations;

provides for design and construction of new and modified beef cattle animal feeding operations; requires nutrient management plans; and authorizes inspections.

[Signed into law: March 29, 2000](#)

ID S.B. 1422 Illegal Hunting Penalties

Increases the amounts to be reimbursed to the state for the illegal killing, illegal possession or illegal waste of a trophy big-game animal; and increases the minimum value for wildlife to be reimbursed without compounding.

[Signed into law: April 12, 2000](#)

ID S.B. 1497 Species Reintroduction

Requires any federal agency, including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, to secure approval of the Idaho State Legislature prior to introducing or reintroducing any species into the state of Idaho.

[Signed into law: April 17, 2000](#)

ID S.B. 1556 Wolf Reintroduction

Provides that the Department of Fish and Game may meet and confer with government entities and Indian tribes to discuss plans for wolf reintroduction or for monitoring wolf reintroduction and wolf recovery programs; provides that the department may cooperate with government entities and Indian tribes regarding damage complaints, depredation, and conflicts regarding wolves in this state.

[Signed into law: April 14, 2000](#)

ILLINOIS

IL H.B. 3254 Dissection Alternatives

Creates the Dissection Alternatives Act, which provides that schools may excuse a student from performing or observing dissection and may allow the student to instead perform an alternative project; provides that students may not be penalized for refusing to participate in or observe dissection; applies to the 2000-2001 academic year; and amends the definition of “dissection.”

[Signed into law: June 9, 2000](#)

IL S.B. 1398 Pet Stores

Amends the Animal Welfare Act by establishing that a pet shop shall not sell a reptile, offer a reptile for sale, or offer a reptile as a gift or promotional consideration unless a notice regarding safe reptile handling practices that meets certain requirements is prominently displayed at each location in the pet shop where reptiles are displayed, housed, or held and distributed to each purchaser or recipient.

[Signed into law: June 2, 2000](#)

IOWA

IA H.F. 723 Animal Cruelty Penalties

Prohibits the mistreatment of persons and animals; and provides that a person with a second or subsequent conviction of animal torture is guilty of a Class D felony.

[Signed into law: April 28, 2000](#)

IA H.F. 2277 Livestock Regulations

Removes the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship administration for the inspection and disease control regulations of ungulates that are livestock.

Signed into law: [March 31, 2000](#)

IA H.F. 2486 Hunting/Fishing Regulations

Establishes residency requirements for the taking of game and fish; authorizes the taking of deer and the use of certain mechanical devices for taking deer within a city, and methods of taking fish; and subjects violations to an existing penalty.

Signed into law: [April 19, 2000](#)

KANSAS

KS H.B. 2762 Hunting Regulations

Requires inspection on controlled shooting areas; and requires a certificate of completion of an approved hunter education course for hunting off of one's property, unless born before July 1, 1957.

Signed into law: [April 16, 2000](#)

KS H.B. 2817 Animal Shelters

Establishes a holding period for animals in an animal shelter; and establishes a law on the mandatory spaying or neutering of animals prior to leaving a shelter.

Signed into law: [March 23, 2000](#)

KS H.B. 2975 Hunting Regulations

Establishes that hunters can hunt wildlife on land by permission only.

Signed into law: [March 28, 2000](#)

KS H.B. 2976 Illegal Hunting Penalties

Makes the violation of law or regulations on big-game permits and tags a misdemeanor subject to a fine of \$250-\$1,000 and up to six months imprisonment; establishes the unlawful taking of trophy big game is punishable by a \$5,000 fine; and defines trophy big game and feral swine.

Signed into law: [April 19, 2000](#)

KS S.B. 316 Hunting Permits

Authorizes the secretary to set hunting fees.

Signed into law: [May 16, 2000](#)

KS S.B. 568 Deer Hunting Permits

Relates to increasing the amount of deer-hunting permits.

Signed into law: [April 19, 2000](#)

KENTUCKY

KY H.B. 99 Reorganization

Establishes the Office of Inspector General with the Office of the Secretary of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet.

Signed into law: [February 7, 2000](#)

KY H.B. 357 Game Permits

Allows for special, license-free events for sport hunting, fishing and trapping;

creates a special permit for issuance to wildlife conservation organizations to be sold or auctioned at fundraising events; and eliminates prohibition against dogs and firearms at game farms and refuges and fish hatcheries.

Signed into law: [February 25, 2000](#)

KY H.B. 358 Animal Shelter Procedures

Clarifies that the Animal Control and Care Fund may receive state appropriations; allows designated license facilities to sell dog licenses, collect license fees, and be re-compensated for doing so; requires the holding period for impounded dogs to be from 5 to 7 days; requires posting of the impoundment period by certain shelters; requires certain shelters to post certain information in the newspaper; and provides for funding of training.

Signed into law: [March 28, 2000](#)

KY H.B. 722 Hunting Regulations

Relates to prohibition against spotlighting of game by deleting intent to poach.

Signed into law: [March 28, 2000](#)

KY S.B. 105 Wildlife Management

Allows the Department of Parks to authorize Fish and Wildlife to administer a wildlife management plan on property operated by the Department of Parks.

Signed into law: [March 8, 2000](#)

MAINE

ME H.B. 704 Deer Hunting

Allows three hunters to hunt deer together without being guilty of driving deer.

Signed into law: [March 23, 2000](#)

ME H.B. 1147 Animal Racing

Amends the limitations on off-track betting facilities to clarify that, by racing the number of days prescribed in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 8, section 275-N, commercial tracks are entitled to engage in simulcasting during their live race meets.

Signed into law: [March 21, 2000](#)

ME H.B. 1646 Animal Cruelty Penalties

Amends the late fee for licensing a dog; and removes the discretion of the court to order psychiatric or psychological counseling at the defendant's expense in matters involving cruelty to animals.

Signed into law: [March 30, 2000](#)

ME H.B. 1867 Dog Licensing

Provides for legislative review of leashed tracking dog license rules.

Signed into law: [March 30, 2000](#)

ME S.B. 457 Canned Hunts

Establishes that operation of confined animal-hunting operations is a Class E crime.

Signed into law: [May 8, 2000](#)

ME S.B. 936 Hunting Regulations

Clarifies that a permit is required from the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in order for a person to participate in a depredation hunt; repeals the requirement that special hunts take place between the close of the special

muzzle-loading season and January 31; and allows deer hunting with shotgun or archery equipment on the Cranberry Isles under all applicable laws and regulations after July 1, 2001.

[Signed into law: April 7, 2000](#)

MARYLAND

MD H.B. 406 Deer Hunting

Authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to issue bonus stamps for hunting antler-less deer to regulate deer populations in specified areas; sets the fee for bonus stamps; and makes changes in nomenclature regarding deer hunting.

[Signed into law: April 25, 2000](#)

MD H.B. 805 Deer Hunting

Requires the Department of Natural Resources to adopt regulations governing the use of dogs to aid in the prompt recovery of killed, wounded, or injured deer; and clarifies the application of a provision allowing certain dogs pursuing deer to be killed.

[Signed into law: May 18, 2000](#)

MD H.B. 1322 Coyote Hunting

Repeals the termination of provisions of law relating to the hunting and trapping of coyotes and the inclusion of coyotes under the definition of “fur-bearing mammal.”

[Signed into law: May 18, 2000](#)

MD S.B. 256 Summerset Sanctuary

Creates a state debt for a grant to the Board of Directors of Summerset Sanctuary, Inc. for the acquisition of Summerset Sanctuary, to be used as an animal sanctuary and environmental interactive education center for residents throughout Maryland with a special emphasis on school children and persons who are developmentally disabled, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund.

Signed into law: May 18, 2000

MASSACHUSETTS

MA H.B. 1033 Reporting Animal Abuse

Provides immunity to any licensed veterinarian who reports animal cruelty in good faith.

Signed into law: November 9, 2000

MA H.B. 4884 Trapping

Allows for the use of conibear traps if beavers cause flooding that threatens public health and safety and maintains the intent of the 1996 law banning recreational trapping; requires a permit for such situations; and restricts the use to one public health or safety emergency, after which time alternatives must be attempted.

Signed into law: July 21, 2000

MICHIGAN

MI H.B. 4427 Deer Regulations

Defines captive cervidae; and provides for regulation under the Department of Agriculture.

Signed into law: [June 20, 2000](#)

MI H.B. 4428 Deer Regulations

Authorizes the regulation of captive cervidae under Department of Agriculture.

Signed into law: [June 20, 2000](#)

MI H.B. 4807 Reporting Animal Abuse

Provides veterinarians with immunity from civil damages for treatment of an animal when that animal is brought to the owner and the owner cannot be contacted or for reporting suspected animal abuse.

Signed into law: [March 10, 2000](#)

MI H.B. 4903 Abandoning Animals

Allows a veterinarian to dispose of an animal abandoned by its owner.

Signed into law: [March 10, 2000](#)

MI H.B. 5078 Horse Racing

Relates to horse racing, breeding and racing programs; clarifies treatment of injured race horses; adds American Paint Horse to the provisions governing race horses; allows the possession and use of certain drugs, syringes, foreign substances or controlled substances; prohibits the use of a drug that acts as a stimulant or depressant within 48 hours of a race or meet; and provides labeling and storage requirements for medications.

Signed into law: [June 20, 2000](#)

MI S.B. 456 Dog Licensing

Exempts a training organization from dog license fees.

Signed into law: [February 18, 2000](#)

MI S.B. 705 Wolf-Hybrids

Bans the possession of wolf-hybrids, except for those animals grandfathered under by the law; requires owners with a grandfathered permit to comply with all of the law's provisions, including not breeding wolf-hybrids; and establishes that when the animal dies, the permit is no longer valid.

Signed into law: [June 29, 2000](#)

MI S.B. 754 Animal Cruelty Penalties

Requires a mental health evaluation and treatment for minors found to have committed cruelty to animals.

Signed into law: [June 20, 2000](#)

MI S.B. 770 Specialty License Plates

Creates critical wildlife habitat specialty license plate for the purpose of purchasing critical wildlife habitat areas; provides for design of specialty license plates; and provides for the credit of funds to the Non-game Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund.

Signed into law: [March 30, 2000](#)

MI S.B. 782 Possessing Large Animals

Bans the possession of large carnivores, except for those animals grandfathered in by the law; requires owners with a grandfathered permit to comply with all of the law's provisions, including not breeding large carnivores; and establishes that when the animal dies, the permit is no longer valid.

Signed into law: July 6, 2000

MI S.B. 1128 Rodent Control

Eliminates a bounty on rats.

Signed into law: May 18, 2000

MI S.B. 1129 Bird Control

Repeals a sparrow bounty.

Signed into law: May 18, 2000

MI S.B. 1339 Animal Disease Control

Establishes provisions for the prevention, control, and eradication of infectious, contagious, or toxicological diseases of animals.

Signed into law: October 31, 2000

MINNESOTA

MN H.F. 3046 Wolf Control

Allows the shooting and trapping of gray wolves throughout the state and offers a \$150 bounty for each wolf trapped in designated “predator control areas.”

Signed into law: May 15, 2000

MN H.F. 3510 Hunting Licenses

Provides for certain lifetime game and fish licenses; makes the experimental two-deer license in certain counties permanent; and appropriates money for the program.

Signed into law: April 6, 2000

MN S.F. 173 Possessing Wild Animals

Allows the possession of wild animals that were taken under the Red Lake Band's conservation code on Red Lake Reservation lands north of the 49th parallel.

Signed into law: April 14, 2000

MN S.F. 2346 Hunting Permits

Allows the commissioner to issue a special permit—without a fee—authorizing a hunter with a permanent physical disability to use a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle in wildlife management areas.

Signed into law: March 20, 2000

MISSISSIPPI

MS H.B. 250 Specialty License Plates

Creates an “I Care for Animals” license tag, which will cost \$30—with \$25 directed to a fund designated as the “Animal Care Fund,” which shall primarily be used for spaying and neutering programs; establishes that the fund must be administered by the Mississippi Board of Animal Health; and requires that none of the monies collected can be used for euthanasia.

Signed into law: May 5, 2000

MS H.B. 467 Reorganization

Places the Mississippi Bird Dealers Licensing Act under the authority of the state veterinarian and the Board of Animal Health.

Signed into law: [April 30, 2000](#)

MS H.B. 666 Reorganization

Updates references to certain state agencies, commissions, departments, offices, divisions, bureaus, committees and officers and employees whose names have been changed or whose powers and duties have been transferred to the Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks or the Commission on Marine Resources.

Signed into law: [April 30, 2000](#)

MS H.B. 473 At-Large Animals

Authorizes the board of supervisors of Marion County to contribute a sum annually to the city of Columbia; defrays costs incurred by the city in controlling the running at large of small animals; and provides shelter, food and care for such animals.

Signed into law: [April 4, 2000](#)

MS H.B. 1130 Guide/Service Dogs

Changes the title of the Support Dog Act to the Support Animal Act; and allows any person with disability and all animals specifically trained to assist disabled persons to have access to public facilities with certain limitations.

Signed into law: [April 30, 2000](#)

MS H.B. 1366 Crossbow Hunting

Requires the Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to allow licensed crossbow hunters to hunt turkey with a crossbow.

Signed into law: [April 16, 2000](#)

MS S.B. 2078 Bag Limits

Extends the repealer on the authority of the Commission on Wildlife Fisheries and Parks to set bag limits on game animals, birds and fish.

Signed into law: [May 1, 2000](#)

MS S.B. 2478 Bird Hunting

Conforms to the Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act by removing the provision allowing the killing of hawks and owls.

Signed into law: [April 17, 2000](#)

MS S.B. 2553 Hunting Licenses

Allows purchase of hunting licenses via the Internet.

Signed into law: [April 17, 2000](#)

MS S.B. 2724 Wildlife Violation Penalties

Provides a penalty for a person who does not comply with a citation or pay a fine for wildlife violations.

Signed into law: [April 17, 2000](#)

NEBRASKA

NE L.B. 825 Kennel Inspections

Adopts the Commercial Dog and Cat Operator Inspection Act; defines boarding kennels and commercial cat breeder; and regulates licensing.

Signed into law: [April 11, 2000](#)

NEW HAMPSHIRE

NH H.B. 1483 Horse Care

Allows for the treatment of horses and ponies by farriers and licensed acupuncturists, chiropractors, and massage therapists.

Signed into law: [May 15, 2000](#)

NH S.B. 29 Dog Sheltering

Requires proper sheltering of a restrained dog from sunlight and inclement weather.

Signed into law: [February 4, 2000](#)

NH S.B. 356 Fish And Game Commission

Extends the work for one year of a committee to study, identify, or establish the duties of the state Fish and Game Commission.

Signed into law: [March 29, 2000](#)

NH S.B. 407 Dog Licensing

Requires town and city clerks to include with the annual list of dog owners who have failed to renew a dog license a list of those who have failed to license a new dog; and extends the return date of the warrant in which it is recorded the number of dog owners who received and paid a civil forfeiture, the number of dogs in the town or city which have been seized, and the number of owners who have received a summons for failure to pay the civil forfeiture or to license the dog.

Signed into law: [May 8, 2000](#)

NH S.B. 443 Animal Control

Requires that veterinarians be reimbursed for the animal population control program.

Signed into law: [May 8, 2000](#)

NEW JERSEY

NJ A.B. 1184 Animal Cruelty Penalties

Makes it illegal under the state anticruelty law to leave an animal unattended in a vehicle under certain conditions.

Signed into law: [October 23, 2000](#)

NJ A.B. 2781 Deer Control

Allows a farmer to kill deer that are causing crop or pasture damage at times during the year other than during the growing season, especially in February and March when farmers are less active; provides for obtaining a permit; and requires farmers, upon request, to show evidence that deer damage has occurred within a prior 12-month period.

Signed into law: [January 6, 2000](#)

NJ A.B. 2926 Deer Control

Provides for community-based deer management plans in certain agricultural areas incurring deer damage; makes the Venison Donation Demonstration Program permanent; and appropriates funds for the program.

Vetoed by governor: [January 18, 2000](#)

NJ A.B. 3245 Deer Control

Appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture for a research grant on

deer control to help alleviate the growing problem of crop and environmental damage caused by deer herds.

Signed into law: [January 14, 2000](#)

NJ S.B. 492 Animal Cruelty Penalties

Prohibits persons who violate animal cruelty statutes from serving as animal control officers.

Signed into law: [April 28, 2000](#)

NJ S.B. 1815 Dog/Cat Fur Trade

Prohibits—with specified exceptions—the sale of products made from dog or cat fur or hair and the sale of domestic dog or cat flesh for human consumption.

Signed into law: [January 4, 2000](#)

NJ S.B. 2156 Trapping Permits

Increases the number of available beaver trapping permits; and authorizes the state Department of Environmental Protection to control beavers by regulation.

Signed into law: [January 18, 2000](#)

NEW YORK

NY A.B. 812 Guide/Service Dogs

Establishes that if a guide, hearing or service dog is harmed by a dog whose owner or custodian failed to exercise due care, then the person served by the guide, hearing or service dog has a right to compensation for damages.

Signed into law: [August 16, 2000](#)

NY A.B. 1157 Animal Control

Bans the use of Avitrol and other deadly poisons against wildlife in large cities.

Signed into law: August 23, 2000

NY A.B. 2820 Animal Shelter Procedures

Provides that animal shelter supervisors of East Hampton shall be designated as peace officers.

Vetoed by governor: August 30, 2000

NY A.B. 9596 Animal Cruelty Penalties

Provides for forfeiture of certain animals to a Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) upon conviction of aggravated cruelty.

Signed into law: June 6, 2000

NY A.B. 9802 Pet Adoptions

Establishes that, in order to improve the opportunity of adoption for cats and dogs, such animals may be released from one authorized individual or entity to another within the state.

Vetoed by governor: August 16, 2000

NY S.B. 5292 Animal Control

Relates to animal population control and improved protection of lost and stray animals; and provides for a distinctive Animal Population Control Fund license plate.

Signed into law: August 16, 2000

NY S.B. 6701 Dog Control Officers

Provides that dog control officers in Arcadia may be designated as constables

for the purpose of enforcing laws by issuing appearance tickets and such officers shall only carry a weapon if licensed.

Signed into law: [August 16, 2000](#)

NY S.B. 8073 Pet Dealer Licensing

Provides for the licensing and regulating of pet dealers; requires that a veterinarian examine every animal over 18 months of age sold by a pet dealer to ensure such animal has no congenital conditions that adversely affect the health of the animal; requires pet dealers provide a consumer with a statement by veterinarian as to the existence of any such condition, including a description of such condition; and requires that pet dealers maintain certain record for every purchased.

Signed into law: [August 16, 2000](#)

NORTH CAROLINA

NC H.B. 1507 Trapping

Repeals the prohibition on leg-gripping traps in Duplin County.

Signed into law: [June 29, 2000](#)

NC H.B. 1542 Dog Collars

Adds Camden County to those counties in which it is unlawful to remove or destroy electronic collars on dogs.

Signed into law: [June 20, 2000](#)

NC S.B. 1184 Spay/Neuter Program

Establishes a voluntarily funded statewide spay/neuter program; provides

education on the benefits of spaying and neutering pets; provides financial assistance to counties and cities offering low-income persons reduced-cost spay/neuter services for dogs and cats; and provides a limit on the maximum amount of animal tax to be charged.

Signed into law: [August 2, 2000](#)

NC S.B. 1477 Wildlife Resources

Provides for a state wildlife education center, as well as an office building; and provides for a new Eastern Wildlife Education Center with parking facilities to be administered by the Wildlife Resources Commission.

Signed into law: [August 2, 2000](#)

OHIO

OH H.B. 350 Dogfighting Penalties

Prohibits the possession of a dog that has been debarked or surgically silenced; prohibits debarking or surgically silencing a vicious dog; increases the penalty of a second or subsequent dogfighting offense from a fourth-degree felony to a third-degree felony, with a first offense remaining a felony of the fourth degree.

Signed into law: [July 7, 2000](#)

OH H.B. 529 Rabies Treatment

Increases the cap on the amount of reimbursement that a person may receive for treatment of a rabies bite; and limits reimbursement payments to injured persons who cannot, without deprivation of basic needs, provide for the payment of the treatment themselves.

Signed into law: July 7, 2000

OKLAHOMA

OK H.B. 1927 Feral Hogs

Permits hunting of feral hogs and prohibits releasing a hog to become feral, subject to a misdemeanor and up to \$500 fine.

Signed into law: May 19, 2000

OK H.B. 1990 Stray Animals

Authorizes officers of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol to take in stray animals.

Signed into law: June 1, 2000

OK H.B. 2178 Hunting Regulations

Prohibits using silencers for hunting.

Signed into law: May 8, 2000

OK H.B. 2179 Possessing Animal Parts

Prohibits possession of parts of a threatened species, unless not taken from the wild; and prohibits possession of any meat, head, hide, or any part of the carcass of any wildlife not legally taken.

Signed into law: April 24, 2000

OK H.B. 2180 Trapping

Requires that employees of the State Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services Division and the United States Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services, while engaged in wildlife management activities for the protection of

agriculture, property, human health and safety, and natural resources on any lands where smooth-jawed double-spring offset traps are used, must post signs which comply with federal requirements to the right and left of all entrances from public roads and highways and from adjacent lands and at corners of perimeter fences.

[Signed into law: June 1, 2000](#)

OK H.B. 2318 Crossbow Permits

Requires the issuance of a lifetime crossbow permit to people holding a lifetime hunting/fishing license at no cost.

[Signed into law: April 14, 2000](#)

OK H.B. 2326 Possessing Animal Parts

Clarifies legality of possession of hide, antlers, or horns of whitetail or mule deer, elk, moose, antelope or bighorn sheep after taxidermic preparation.

[Signed into law: April 24, 2000](#)

OK H.B. 2353 Shelter Euthanasia Procedures

Modifies authorized methods of euthanasia for certain animals held in shelter, including prohibiting the use of exhaust gas or chloroform.

[Signed into law: May 9, 2000](#)

OK S.B. 838 Animal Care

Establishes animal chiropractic diagnosis and treatment under the Oklahoma Chiropractic Practice Act and the Oklahoma Veterinary Practice Act; requires certain training and licensure; and requires additional malpractice insurance.

[Signed into law: April 24, 2000](#)

OK S.B. 1108 Deer Control

Requires the Wildlife Conservation Commission to develop a plan to address the overpopulation of deer in certain areas.

Signed into law: [April 14, 2000](#)

PENNSYLVANIA

PA S.B. 612 Hunting Licenses

Establishes elk hunting licenses.

Signed into law: [December 20, 2000](#).

PA S.B. 1109 Guide/Service Dogs

Gives guide, service or support animals who are in training access to public places.

Signed into law: [October 18, 2000](#)

RHODE ISLAND

RI H.B. 6891 Animal Shelter Procedures

Establishes the voluntary surrender of animals at shelters with and without a request of disposition or destruction to the rules and regulations pertaining to animal care.

Signed into law (without governor's signature): [July 20, 2000](#)

RI H.B. 7207 Horse Care Provisions

Establishes that the purchase of equipment and feed used for the keeping and boarding of horses is exempt from the sales tax.

Signed into law (without governor's signature): [July 20, 2000](#)

RI H.B. 7709 Zoo/Aquarium Permits

Exempts animal care facilities accredited by the American Association of Zoos and Aquariums from obtaining a permit; and allows the importation of animals for exhibition purposes and approved by the American Association of Zoos and Aquariums and the USDA to be imported without a permit.

Signed into law: [July 13, 2000](#)

RI H.B. 8062 Guide/Service Dogs

Extends to family therapy pets the same privileges of access and transportation provided to personal assistance animals.

Signed into law (without governor's signature): [July 20, 2000](#)

RI H.B. 8091 Livestock Damage

Adds Exeter to the list of cities and towns that are exempted from appointing appraisers to appraise damage done to livestock by dogs.

Signed into law (without governor's signature): [July 20, 2000](#)

RI S.B. 2395 Deer Hunting Regulations

Exempts persons hunting on their own land from the prohibition against hunting deer with bow and arrow within 200 feet of any dwelling or building in use without the owner's permission.

Signed into law: [July 13, 2000](#)

RI S.B. 2412 Animal Cruelty Penalties

Requires a psychological evaluation for anyone convicted of an offense relating to cruelty to animals, in addition to any penalties imposed.

Signed into law (without governor's signature): [July 20, 2000](#)

RI S.B. 2431 Reporting Animal Abuse

Provides immunity to veterinarians who report animal neglect, abuse, or abandonment; and provides immunity to veterinarians who provide emergency treatment to animals.

Signed into law (without governor's signature): July 20, 2000

RI S.B. 2619 Humane Societies

Makes humane societies subject to reporting provisions regarding the disposition of animals.

Signed into law: July 13, 2000

RI S.B. 2644 Zoos/Aquarium Permits

Exempts animal care facilities accredited by the American Association of Zoos and Aquariums from obtaining a permit.

Signed into law: July 13, 2000

SOUTH CAROLINA

SC H.B. 4703 Canned Hunts

Establishes that it is unlawful to intentionally take wildlife inside an enclosure which prevents or materially impedes the free range of wildlife; provides an exception for enclosures registered with the Department of Natural Resources within 30 days after the effective date of this section; and provides penalties for violations of this section.

Signed into law: June 14, 2000

SC S.B. 21 Animal Cruelty Penalties

Relates to the ill-treatment of animals and changes various penalties, including making certain misdemeanor offenses felonies and allow certain first offense violations to be tried in municipal court.

Signed into law: [May 26, 2000](#)

SC S.B. 702 Bear Trapping

Relates to the prohibition on the use of bait to lure bears; revises the section to prohibit feeding or enticing with food any black bear; provides exceptions to the prohibition; and provides criminal penalties for violations.

Signed into law: [May 1, 2000](#)

SC S.B. 1130 Animal Shelter Provisions

Relates to regulation by counties of dogs and other domestic pets; makes the article specific to cats; provides for impounding and adoption of animals, increases the maximum penalty for violating section 47-3-50; requires shelters to scan animals for microchips or similar devices; and revises the provisions of the law regarding the allowable methods of euthanasia and training for those who administer euthanasia drugs; and provides for the promulgation of certain regulations by the Department of Health and Environmental Control.

Signed into law: [May 19, 2000](#)

SC S.B. 1359 Bird Hunting

Amends the Code of Laws of South Carolina (1976), by adding section 50-11-31, which prohibits the hunting of migratory waterfowl on that portion of Lake Marion known as Potato Creek or Wyboo Creek within 200 yards of a dwelling or marina without written permission of the owner or occupant; and prohibits baiting in these portions of Lake Marion.

Signed into law: May 19, 2000

SOUTH DAKOTA

SD H.B. 1022 Trapping

Establishes that any person who steals, damages or destroys a trap of another, or the animals, animal carcasses, or the pelts thereof held by such traps, is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

Signed into law: February 18, 2000

SD H.B. 1023 Hunting Regulations

Prohibits the use of certain equipment in hunting activities at night; provides certain exemptions from such prohibition; and revises related penalties.

Signed into law: February 28, 2000

SD H.B. 1025 Bird Hunting

Revises certain definitions relating to migratory birds, waterfowl, and small game; and requires hunting permits and licenses when hunting sandhill crane and snipe.

Signed into law: February 18, 2000

SD H.B. 1029 Animal Racing

Revises provisions regarding simulcasting regulations by establishing that no person may hold any racing meeting or collect or disburse any money under the certificate system without having first obtained and having in full force and effect a license issued by the racing commission.

Signed into law: March 2, 2000

SD S.B. 30 Bag Limits

Revises the catch and bag limits when hunting, fishing or trapping; and establishes that violation of such law is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

Signed into law: [March 11, 2000](#)

SD S.B. 138 Game Regulations

Prohibits the use of motor vehicles for hunting, fishing, or trapping purposes at certain schools and on public lands.

Signed into law: [February 28, 2000](#)

TENNESSEE

TN H.B. 3156 Animal Shelter Provisions

Requires that animals who are released from shelters must be spayed or neutered.

Signed into law: [May 22, 2000](#)

TN H.B. 3279 Animal Control Program

Changes—subject to local approval—the name of the dog and cat control program to the Animal Control Program of Washington County, with the charter to provide for enforcement of animal-cruelty laws.

Signed into law: [March 2, 2000](#)

TN H.B. 3338 Animal Control Board

Establishes an animal control board and its functions, including appointment of manager of animal control in Maury County, subject to local approval.

Signed into law: [May 31, 2000](#)

TN S.B. 2157 Pet Owner Negligence

Allows the court to award up to \$4,000 in non-economic damages to a person whose pet is killed or sustains injuries which result in death caused by intentional or negligent act of another or by the pet of another; and requires that application of this legislation be limited to incorporated areas of any county having a population in excess of 75,000.

Signed into law: [May 22, 2000](#)

UTAH

UT H.B. 40 Protected Wildlife

Prohibits the taking of protected wildlife while trespassing by a person or the person's dog; and includes an occupied nest and an egg of protected wildlife in the definition of protected wildlife.

Signed into law: [February 21, 2000](#)

UT H.B. 41 Hunting Regulations

Prohibits hunting on cultivated land.

Signed into law: [February 21, 2000](#)

UT H.B. 158 Animal Shelter Procedures

Relates to political subdivisions and animal welfare; amends animal shelter sterilization provisions to require that if an owned animal is impounded a second time, the shelter shall require proof of sterilization or a sterilization deposit.

Signed into law: [March 14, 2000](#)

UT H.B. 219 Cougar Hunting

Allows cooperative wildlife management units to be organized for the purposes of hunting cougar.

Signed into law: [March 10, 2000](#)

UT S.B. 70 Guide/Service Dogs

Relates to the state's judicial code and the criminal code; provides a cause of action regarding injury, death, or theft of a service animal; and creates a criminal offense and penalty for harassing or causing the injury or death of a service animal.

Signed into law: [March 16, 2000](#)

UT S.B. 234 Law Enforcement Animals

Increases the penalties for injuring a police service animal to a third-degree felony; and increases the penalties for interference with a police service animal to a Class A misdemeanor.

Signed into law: [March 13, 2000](#)

VIRGINIA

VA H.B. 100 Deer Control

Exempts any locality that operates a Department of Game and Inland Fisheries-approved deer population control program from having to demonstrate that during the period covered by its previous year's authorization that hunting of deer or bear occurred.

Signed into law: [February 21, 2000](#)

VA H.B. 443 Hunting Regulations

Allows a city or town, by ordinance, to prohibit hunting within one-half mile of a subdivision.

Signed into law: [April 3, 2000](#)

VA H.B. 638/S.B. 440 Dangerous Dogs

Provides that an animal control officer shall confine an animal believed to be a dangerous or vicious dog until a decision is made by a magistrate as to whether or not the animal is a dangerous or vicious dog; and provides that an animal control office may permit the owner or custodian to confine the animal until a decision is made if the animal control officer determines that the owner or custodian can confine the animal in a manner that protects the public safety.

Signed into law: [April 8, 2000](#)

VA H.B. 675 Deer Parts Trade

Allows for the manufacture and sale of implements made from legally harvested deer parts.

Signed into law: [March 1, 2000](#)

VA H.B. 744 Animal Cruelty

Allows multi-jurisdiction grand juries to investigate incidents of cruelty to animals.

Signed into law: [March 9, 2000](#)

VA H.B. 994 Rabies Treatment

Requires veterinarians and assistants to release rabies immunization and relevant treatment data for any animal under their care when requested by a

treating physician or by a parent of a child when administration of the rabies is being completed.

Signed into law: [April 7, 2000](#)

VA H.B. 1343 Pet Deposit

Includes pet deposits in the definition of security deposit.

Signed into law: [April 9, 2000](#)

VA H.B. 1514 Animal Pounds

Allows the Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services to impose civil penalties on county and city animal pounds that are violating the board's regulations.

Signed into law: [April 12, 2000](#)

VA H.B. 787/H.J.R. 124 Game Referendum

Provides for a referendum in the November 7, 2000, election to approve or reject the addition to the Conservation Article of a statement that "the people have a right to hunt, fish, and harvest game, subject to such regulations and restrictions as the General Assembly may prescribe by general law."

H.B. 787—Signed into law: [April 12, 2000](#)

H.J.R. 124—Assigned Chapter 1016: [July 1, 2000](#)

WASHINGTON

WA H.B. 2495 Hunting Licenses

Allows holders of big-game and small-game hunting licenses to hunt unclassified wildlife that is not considered to be game or a fur-bearer.

Signed into law: [March 24, 2000](#)

WA H.B. 3105 Funding/Appropriations

Appropriates sales and use tax for zoos, aquariums, wildlife preserves and regional parks.

Signed into law: March 31, 2000

WA S.B. 6858 Zoo/Aquarium Procedures

Provides that contracts for overall management and operation of a zoo or aquarium by a nonprofit corporation or other public organization shall have an initial term or any renewal term longer than 20 years, but may be renewed by the legislative authority of a city upon expiration of initial term or any renewal term; and requires public hearings.

Signed into law: March 29, 2000

WA S.B. 5001 Cougar Hunting

Allows the state Fish and Wildlife Commission to authorize the use of dogs to hunt cougars that are a public safety threat if no practical alternative exists.

Signed into law: March 31, 2000

WISCONSIN

WI A.B. 92 Animal Release Penalties

Establishes a penalty for the unauthorized release of animals; and provides for immunity from liability.

Signed into law: April 11, 2000

WI A.B. 314 Animal Warranties

Eliminates the implied warranty that an animal sold is not infected with paratuberculosis; requires the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection to establish rules on which diseases are covered by implied warranty; relates to implied warranties concerning disease status of animals; and grants rulemaking authority.

Signed into law: [May 12, 2000](#)

WI A.B. 351 At-Large Animals

Establishes that if a dog owner permits his or her dog to run at large, then the owner is subject to civil forfeiture of \$25-\$200; allows law enforcement officer or humane officer to take custody of said dog; considers dog running at large when it is off of owner's property and not under control of owner or other person; and considers the dog not running at large if said dog is actively engaged in hunting activity supervised by person.

Signed into law: [April 11, 2000](#)

WI S.B. 358 Animal Care

Creates a veterinary diagnostic laboratory board for animal health testing and diagnosis; and makes appropriation.

Signed into law: [April 28, 2000](#)

WYOMING

WY H.B. 103 Animal Racing

Authorizes pari-mutuel wagering on rodeo events; and authorizes the simulcasting of dog racing as specified.

Vetoed: [March 17, 2000](#)

WY S.B. 36 Animal Cruelty Penalties

Adds exceptions to the cruelty to animal law for hunting, agriculture, rodeos, humane destruction; legalizes overworking, overloading, or overdriving an animal; and requires that cruelty include an intent to cause death, injury, or undue suffering.

Signed into law: [March 14, 2000](#)