

Michigan Humane Bill Summary – 2021-22 Legislative Session*

Bill Number	Primary Sponsor(s)	Description	History	Position
SB 50 SB 51 (tie barred)	Sen. MacDonald (R) and Sen. Wojno (D)	Amends the Michigan Penal Code (MCL 750.49 and 750.50) to prohibit knowingly providing an animal to another individual who intends to abuse or mistreat the animal and making related changes to the sentencing guidelines.	Both introduced 1/27/21 and referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.	Support.
HB 4186	Rep. Thomas Albert (R)	Amends the Large Carnivore Act to remove the current Michigan residency requirement related to certain exemptions.	Introduced 2/9/21 and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.	Opposed.
SR 15	Sen. Ed McBroom (R)	Nonbinding resolution to urge the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) to authorize, and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to organize, wolf hunting and trapping as part of the state's wolf management efforts beginning in 2021.	Introduced 2/18/21 and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. Reported favorably on 2/25/21 and adopted 3/9/21.	Opposed.
SR 20	Sen. Ed McBroom (R)	Nonbinding resolution to encourage the NRC to add Eastern sandhill crane to the game species list and ask US Fish & Wildlife Service to	Introduced 2/25/21 and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. Reported	Opposed.

		approve establishment of a hunting season for them.	favorably with substitute S-1 3/18/21.	
HB 4514	Rep. Pamela Hornberger (R)	Amends the Food Law to allow a restaurant to permit dogs in outdoor dining areas if extensive criteria are met.	Introduced 3/16/21 and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Tourism.	Support.
HB 4703 and HB 4704	Rep. Doug Wozniak (R)	Amends anti-cruelty (HB 4703; MCL 750.50b) and anti-neglect (HB 4704; MCL 750.50) statutes to include an improved bond-or-forfeit provision.	Introduced 4/22/21 and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.	Support.
HB 4723	Rep. Padma Kuppa (D)	Would make the shelter animal Michigan's state pet.	Introduced 4/27/21 and referred to the Government Operations Committee.	Support.
HB 4726	Rep. Luke Meerman (R)	Would allow out-of-state veterinarians and LVTs to quickly obtain Michigan licensure to assist with a large-scale cruelty case or disaster involving animals.	Introduced 4/28/21 and referred to Regulatory Reform.	Support.
SB 395	Sen. Dayna Polehanki (D)	Would amend anti-neglect statute to require animals be brought inside in certain conditions.	Introduced 4/28/21 and referred to Agriculture.	Neutral.
HB 4784	Rep. Tommy Brann (R)	Would amend the anti-neglect statute to improve shelter standards for outdoor dogs.	Introduced 5/4/21 and referred to the Judiciary Committee.	Support.
HB 4881 and HB 4882	Rep. Kevin Hertel (D) and Rep. Tommy Brann (R)	HB 4881 would require certain research facilities to offer retired research dogs and cats to a registered	Introduced 5/19/21 and referred to the Regulatory Reform committee	Support.

		Michigan shelter to be adopted if medically appropriate. HB 4882 would require research facilities to report basic annual statistics regarding animals used in research.		
SB 510 and SB 511	Sen. Sean McCann (D)	SB 510 would amend the Dangerous Animal Act (MCL 287.321-287.323) to define dangerous and potentially dangerous dogs and provide rules for euthanasia or imposing special requirements for keeping such dogs. SB 511 would modify the Code of Criminal Procedure for violations involving the ownership of potentially dangerous or dangerous dogs.	Introduced 6/3/21 and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.	Under consideration.
SB 582	Sen. Paul Wojno (D)	SB 582 would prohibit an agent of a public body from conducting training or research on a dog in a manner that causes pain and distress.	Introduced 6/30/21 and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.	Under consideration.

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*This is not an exhaustive list of animal-related legislation in Michigan. This is a list of bills in which Michigan Humane has an interest.

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