

Michigan Humane Bill Summary | 2023-24 Legislative Session*

Michigan Legislation

Bill Number	Primary Sponsor(s)	Description	History	Position
HB 4067	Rep. Veronica Paiz (D)	Would establish a program to provide veterinary care for retired police dogs.	Introduced 2/7/23 and referred to the House Criminal Justice Committee.	Support.
SB 148 & SB 149 HB 4277 & HB 4278	SB 148-Sen. Dayna Polehanki (D) SB 149-Sen. Kevin Hertel (D) HB 4277 & HB 4278-Rep. Veronica Paiz (D)	SB 148/HB 4277 would require research facilities to report annual statistics regarding animals used in research. SB 149/HB 4278 would require research facilities to offer retired research dogs and cats to a registered Michigan shelter to be adopted.	SB 148 & SB 149 introduced 3/7/23 and referred to Senate Natural Resources & Agriculture Committee. HB 4277 & HB 4278 introduced 3/14/23 and referred to House Regulatory Reform Committee. SB 148 reported favorably on 6/14/23. Substitute S-1 adopted and passed by Senate 27-10 (1 excused) on 6/28/23 and referred to House Agriculture Committee. SB 149 reported favorably on 6/14/23. Substitute S-1 adopted and passed by Senate 31-6 (1 excused) on 6/28/23 and referred to House Agriculture Committee. SB 148 reported favorably on 10/4/23. SB 149 reported	Support.



			favorably with substitute H-2 on 10/4/23.	
SB 248	Sen. Dan Lauwers (R)	Would amend the Revised Judicature Act to allow for the use of courtroom support dog by children under 18 or person over 18 with a developmental disability.	Introduced 4/11/23 and referred to Senate Civil Rights, Judiciary & Public Safety Committee. Reported favorably with substitute S-1 on 6/13/23. Passed Senate 38-0 on 6/14/23 and referred to House Judiciary Committee. Reported favorably with substitute H-1 on 10/11/23.	Support.
HB 4838	Rep. Penelope Tsernoglou (D)	Would amend the Pet Shops, Dog Pounds and Animal Shelters Act to prohibit a pet shop from selling, adopting, exchanging, or transferring, or offering for sale, adoption, exchange, or transfer, a dog, cat, or rabbit. Does not prohibit a pet shop from showcasing adoptable animals from an animal control or animal protection shelter.	Introduced 6/22/23 and referred to the House Government Operations Committee.	Support.
HB 4913	Rep. Kelly Breen	Would make xylazine a Schedule 2 drug.	Introduced 7/18/23 and referred to the House Judiciary Committee.	Under consideration. Awaiting substitute.
HB 4980	Rep. Laurie Pohutsky	Would establish rules for the creation of a VCPR and would allow for the use of veterinary telehealth without a prior in-person examination of the animal.	Introduced 9/14/23 and referred to the House Agriculture Committee.	Support.
HB 5005	Rep. Natalie Price	Would allow dogs in a microbrewery, small wine maker, or	Introduced 9/14/23 and referred to the House Economic	Support.



		tasting room that does not serve food if a number of requirements are met.	Development and Small Business Committee.	
HB 5039 , HB 5040 , and HB 5041	Reps. Tsernoglou (HB 5039), Aragona (HB 5040), and Paiz (HB 5041)	Would prohibit enactment or enforcement of an ordinance regulating dogs by breed or perceived breed by counties (HB 5039), townships (HB 5040), and cities/villages (HB 5041).	Introduced 9/27/23 and referred to the House Agriculture Committee.	Support.

Federal Legislation

Bill Number	Primary Sponsor(s)	Description	History	Position
HR 1788	Rep. Nicole Malliotakis (R-NY-11)	Goldie's Act. Would require the USDA to enforce the Animal Welfare Act more effectively to better protect dogs in commercial breeding operations.	Introduced 3/24/23 and referred to the Committee on Agriculture. On 4/25/23, the Agriculture Committee referred the bill to the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy and Poultry.	Support.
HR 2742	Rep. Don Bacon (R-NE-2)	Fighting Inhumane Gambling & High Risk Animal Trafficking (FIGHT) Act. Would expand protections of animals provided under the Animal Welfare Act, including by prohibiting any (1) broadcasts from international, interstate, or intrastate sources of animal fighting ventures in the	Introduced 4/20/23 and referred to the Committees on Agriculture and Oversight and Responsibility. On 5/15/23, the Committee on Agriculture referred the bill to the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy and Poultry.	Support.

		United States or U.S. territories; and (2) shipments or transport of certain mature roosters.		
HR 3957	Rep. Jason Crow (D-CO-6)	Protecting Unhoused People with Pets (PUPP) Act of 2023. Would create a fund from which the Dept. of Ag, in consultation with HUD, could give grants to modify and upgrade structures to serve as interim and permanent housing to accommodate unhoused individuals with pets.	Introduced 6/9/23 and referred to the Committees on Agriculture and Financial Services. On 7/28/23, the Committee on Agriculture referred the bill to the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy and Poultry.	

**Last updated October 19, 2023. This is not an exhaustive list of animal-related legislation in Michigan or the federal legislature. This is a list of bills in which Michigan Humane has an interest.*