



## Michigan Humane Bill Summary | 2023-24 Legislative Session\*

### Michigan Legislation

Bill Number	Primary Sponsor(s)	Description	History	Position
<a href="#">HB 4067</a>	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.
<a href="#">SB 148</a> & <a href="#">SB 149</a> & <a href="#">HB 4277</a> & <a href="#">HB 4278</a>	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. Substitute H-3 adopted and passed by House 63-43 on 11/9/23. Substitute H-3 concurred in by Senate and ordered enrolled 11/9/23. SB 149 reported favorably with substitute H-2 on 10/4/23.	Support.



			Substitute H-4 adopted and passed by House 67-39 on 11/9/23. Substitute H-4 concurred in by Senate and ordered enrolled 11/9/23. Approved by the Governor 12/13/23. Filed with the Secretary of State 12/14/23. EFFECTIVE DATE: 2/13/24.	
<a href="#">SB 248</a>	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. Placed on order of second reading.	Support.
<a href="#">HB 4838</a>	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.
<a href="#">HB 4913</a>	Rep. Kelly Breen	Would make xylazine a Schedule 2 drug.	Introduced 7/18/23 and referred to the House Judiciary Committee.	Under consideration pending an amendment creating a veterinary exemption.

<a href="#">HB 4980</a>	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.
<a href="#">HB 5005</a>	Rep. Natalie Price	Would allow dogs in a microbrewery, small wine maker, or tasting room that does not serve food if a number of requirements are met.	Introduced 9/14/23 and referred to the House Economic Development and Small Business Committee.	Support.
<a href="#">HB 5039</a> , <a href="#">HB 5040</a> , and <a href="#">HB 5041</a>	Reps. Penelope Tsernoglou (HB 5039), Joseph Aragona (HB 5040), and Veronica 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.
<a href="#">SB 657</a> and <a href="#">SB 658</a>	Sen. Dayna Polehanki (SB 657) and Sen. Paul Wojno (SB 658)	Would improve the bond-or-forfeit provision applicable to MCL 750.50 (SB 657) and MCL 750.50b (SB 658).	Introduced 11/9/23 and referred to the Senate Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety Committee. Reported favorably on 2/29/24 and referred to Committee of the Whole.	Support. (Michigan Humane initiative.)
<a href="#">SB 782</a> and <a href="#">SB 783</a>	Sen. Sue Shink	Would modify the Michigan Penal Code to require Child Protective Services (CPS) workers to report suspected animal abuse or neglect.	Introduced 3/13/24 and referred to the Senate Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety Committee.	Support.
<a href="#">HB 5587</a> , <a href="#">5588</a> , <a href="#">5589</a> , <a href="#">5590</a> , <a href="#">5591</a> , <a href="#">5592</a> , and <a href="#">5593</a>	HB 5587-Rep. Stephanie Young HB 5588-Rep. Veronica Paiz HB 5589-Rep. Joseph Aragona HB 5590-Rep. Penelope Tsernoglou	Would amend several offense variables included in the Sentencing Guidelines to assign more points in cases involving felony animal cruelty to companion animals.	Introduced 3/14/24 and referred to the House Criminal Justice Committee.	Support. (Michigan Humane initiative in collaboration with other stakeholders.)

	HB 5591-Rep. Mike McFall HB 5592-Rep. Brenda Carter HB 5593-Rep. Pat Outman			
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## Federal Legislation

Bill Number	Primary Sponsor(s)	Description	History	Position
<a href="#">HR 1788</a> <a href="#">S 4033</a>	HR 1788-Rep. Nicole Malliotakis (R-NY-11) S 4033-Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-CT)	Goldie’s Act. Would require the USDA to enforce the Animal Welfare Act more effectively to better protect dogs in commercial breeding operations.	HR 1788 -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. S 4033-Introduced 3/21/24 and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry.	Support.
<a href="#">HR 2742</a>	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 United States or U.S. territories; and (2) shipments or transport of certain mature roosters.	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.



<a href="#">HR 3957</a>	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.	
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*\*Last updated April 4, 2024. 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.*

