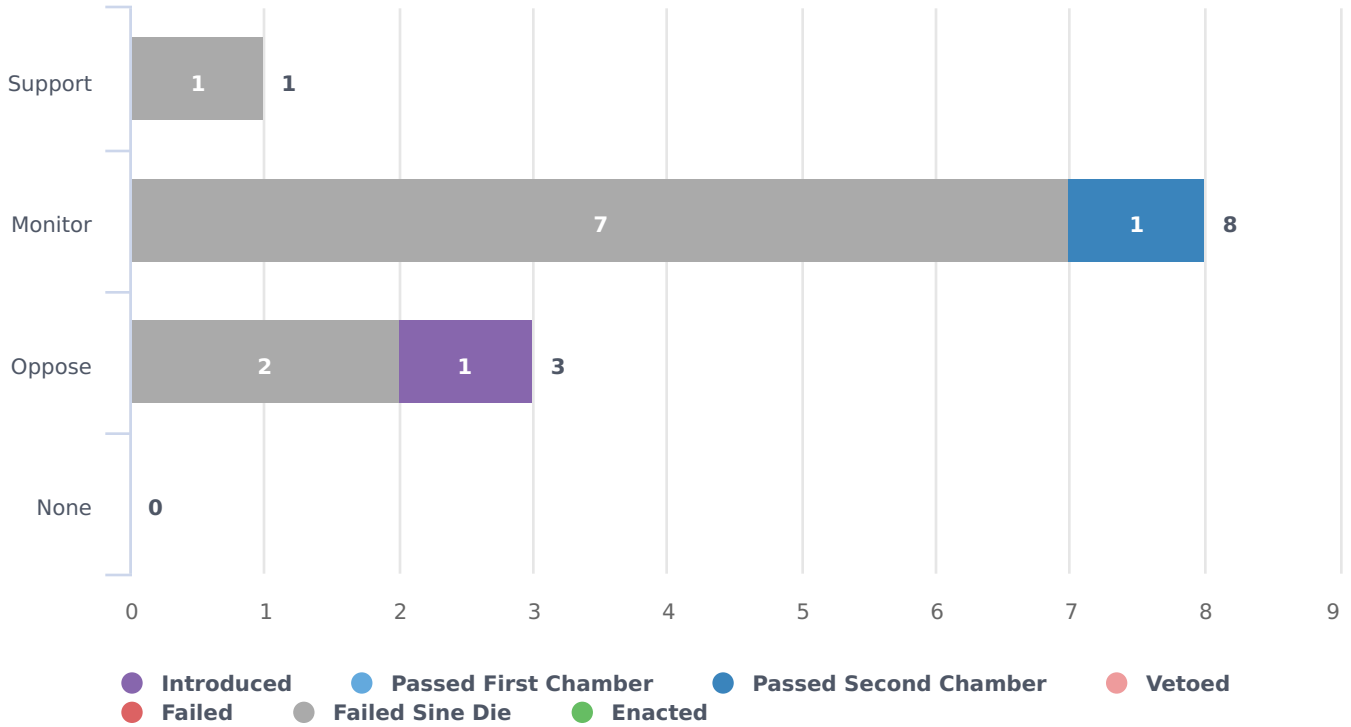


Arizona - 2024 Legislative Overview

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Bills by Last Status and Position



Bill State: AZ (12)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
AZ	HB 2515	House Second Reading 2024 01 23	Failed sine die	Oppose	High

Title
Pet dealers; state preemption; repeal.

Primary Sponsors
Amish Shah

Bill Summary: Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Jan 12, 2024, 5:00 PM
An Act to repeal Title 44 (Trade & Commerce), Article 17 (Pet Dealers), Section 44-1799.11 (Pet Dealer Regulation; State Preemption). This section in statute states: The regulation of pet dealers is a matter of statewide concern. A city, town or county may enact or enforce an ordinance to enforce section 44-1799.10 against a pet store or pet dealer. Any local law, rule, regulation or ordinance that imposes requirements on pet dealers that exceed the requirements of section 44-1799.10 or penalties prescribed by section 44-1799.08 is preempted. Any local law, rule, regulation or ordinance may not directly or indirectly prohibit or be applied to prohibit the sale of dogs or cats by a pet store or pet dealer, expressly or in effect, based on the source from which the animal is obtained if obtained in compliance with section 44-1799.10.

Introduction Date: 2024-01-22

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
AZ	HB 2516	House Second Reading 2024 01 22	Failed sine die	Monitor	Low

Title
Prohibition; cat declawing; exceptions

Primary Sponsors
Amish Shah

Bill Summary: Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Jan 12, 2024, 6:30 PM
Amends Title 32 (Occupations & Professions), Chapter 21 (Veterinarians), Article 3 (Regulation) of Arizona Revised Statutes by adding a new Section 32-2240.1 to restrict the practice of declawing, onychectomy or tendonectomy on a cat by a veterinarian. Provides that a veterinarian may perform or cause to be performed the declawing, onychectomy or tendonectomy of a cat only if the veterinarian is licensed pursuant to this chapter and the procedure is for a therapeutic purpose. Provides that a veterinarian who performs a declawing, onychectomy or tendonectomy on a cat shall keep a record of the procedure for at least 4 years after the last contact with the cat.

Introduction Date: 2024-01-17

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
AZ	HB 2549	House Second Reading 2024 01 23	Failed sine die	Monitor	Low

Title
Theft; domestic animal; classification

Primary Sponsors
Kevin Payne

Bill Summary: Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Jan 12, 2024, 6:40 PM
Amends Title 13 (Criminal Code), Chapter 18 (Theft), Section 13-1802 (Theft; classification; definitions) of Arizona Revised Statutes to include domestic animals in theft of property penalties. Provides that theft of any property or services valued at less than \$1,000 is a class 1 misdemeanor, unless the property is taken from the person of another, is a firearm, IS A DOMESTIC ANIMAL or is an animal taken for the purpose of animal fighting in violation of Section 13-2910.01 (Cruelty to animals; interference with working or service animal; release conditions; classification; definitions), in which case the theft is a class 6 felony. For purposes of this section: "Domestic animal" means a dog or a cat that is kept or intended to be kept as a household pet.

Introduction Date: 2024-01-22

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
AZ	HB 2873	Reported Held Out Of Land Agriculture Rural Affairs Committee 2024 02 12	Failed sine die	Monitor	Low

Title

Animal abandonment; duty to report

Primary Sponsors

Lupe Diaz

Bill Summary: Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Feb 6, 2024, 2:55 PM

Amends Title 13 (Criminal Code), Chapter 29 (Offenses Against Public Order), Section 13-2910 (Cruelty to animals; interference with working or service animal; release conditions; classification; definitions) of Arizona Revised Statutes to add animal abandonment to the existing animal cruelty statute. Provides that, if a person intentionally or knowingly releases a domestic animal or horse into the wild or a remote area or on land or property that is not under the direct ownership or control of the owner or owner's agent or otherwise intentionally or knowingly abandons an animal, they commit the crime of cruelty to animals. Provides that a person who is convicted of a violation of this section is subject to the following: (1) For a first offense, the court shall: (i) impose a fine of not less than \$500 per animal; (ii) order restitution to each respective rescuer, first responder, animal shelter, pound and veterinarian for all costs incurred by each person or entity to rescue, receive, resuscitate or rehabilitate or attempt to rescue, receive, resuscitate or rehabilitate each animal; and (iii) suspend the person's driver license for seven days. (2) For a second or subsequent offense, the court shall: (i) impose a fine of not less than \$1,000 per animal; (ii) order restitution to each respective rescuer, first responder, animal shelter, pound and veterinarian for all costs incurred by each person or entity to rescue, receive, resuscitate, or rehabilitate or attempt to rescue, receive, resuscitate or rehabilitate each animal; (iii) suspend of the person's driver license for fourteen days; (iv) prohibit contact with animals for five years; and (iv) add the person's name to the animal cruelty registry. For purposes of this section: "Abandonment" means either: (1) To forsake entirely or to neglect, refuse or otherwise cease to provide or perform the legal obligations of care and support for an animal by its owner or the owner's agent; or (2) To relinquish, renounce or otherwise waive all legal rights or claims of ownership, possession or title to an animal by an owner, whether implicitly or expressly, without having first provided for the lawful transfer or succession of ownership and care to a subsequent owner.

Introduction Date: 2024-02-08

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
AZ	SB 1046	Assigned To Rules Committee 2024 06 14	In Senate	Oppose	High

Title

Pet dealers; state preemption; repeal

Primary Sponsors

TJ Shope

Bill Summary: Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Jan 10, 2024, 1:17 PM

An Act to repeal Title 44 (Trade & Commerce), Article 17 (Pet Dealers), Section 44-1799.11 (Pet Dealer Regulation; State Preemption). This section in statute states: The regulation of pet dealers is a matter of statewide concern. A city, town or county may enact or enforce an ordinance to enforce section 44-1799.10 against a pet store or pet dealer. Any local law, rule, regulation or ordinance that imposes requirements on pet dealers that exceed the requirements of section 44-1799.10 or penalties prescribed by section 44-1799.08 is preempted. Any local law, rule, regulation or ordinance may not directly or indirectly prohibit or be applied to prohibit the sale of dogs or cats by a pet store or pet dealer, expressly or in effect, based on the source from which the animal is obtained if obtained in compliance with section 44-1799.10.

Introduction Date: 2024-06-14

Title

Animal cruelty; failure to treat

Primary Sponsors

TJ Shope

Bill Summary: Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Jan 11, 2024, 4:55 PM

Amends Title 13 (Criminal Code), Chapter 29 (Offenses Against Public Order), Section 13-2910 (Cruelty to animals; interference with working or service animal; release conditions; classification; definitions) of Arizona Statutes to amend the definition of "cruel neglect" and to add a definition for "extreme weather conditions". Amends definition of "cruel neglect" to provide that failure to include the following constitutes a violation: (1) For an animal, other than a dog that primarily resides outdoors, access to shelter that is necessary and adequate. (2) For a dog that primarily resides outdoors, except while a dog is engaged in or training for lawful hunting, police, military or patrol work, search and rescue, herding or livestock guarding, trials and other lawful competitions, service and assistance work and other working, sporting and competitive functions or is under the custody or control of a person who has no permanent place of residence, access to shelter that meets all of the following requirements: (i) has a natural or artificial cover that is accessible throughout the year; (ii) is structurally sound, maintained in good repair and of sufficient size to protect the dog from injury, allows the dog to stand, turn around, lie down in a natural manner and allows the dog to maintain normal body temperature; (iii) has bedding material that protects the dog from extreme weather conditions and that has adequate ventilation and drainage; and (iv) is maintained in a manner that minimizes the risk of disease, infestation or parasites. Adds a definition for "extreme weather conditions" to mean any of the following: (1) The actual or effective outdoor temperature is below thirty-two degrees Fahrenheit or above one hundred degrees Fahrenheit. (2) A heat advisory has been issued by a local, state, or national authority for the area. (3) A monsoon, hurricane, tropical storm, dust storm or tornado warning has been issued for the area by a local, state, or national authority. For purposes of this section: "Animal" means a mammal, bird, reptile or amphibian.

Introduction Date: 2024-01-10

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
AZ	SB 1072	Failed Senate Third Reading 2024 03 05	Failed sine die	Oppose	High

Title
Animal abuser registration; penalties

Primary Sponsors
Sonny Borrelli

Bill Summary: Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Jan 12, 2024, 5:28 PM
Amends Title 13 (Criminal Code), Chapter 29 (Offenses Against Public Order), Section 2910 (Animal Cruelty) of Arizona Revised Statutes by adding a new section establishing a central animal abuser registry. Provides that the Department of Public Safety shall maintain a central animal abuser registry that contains the names and registration information of every person who is required to register pursuant to this section. Provides that the Department of Public Safety shall make the central animal abuser registry available on its website and shall promptly answer any written, telephone and in-person requests to search the central animal abuser registry. Provides that any person or any employee, volunteer or authorized agent of an organization that sells, gives or adopts out to another or that transfers or exchanges for compensation animals MAY conduct a search of the central animal abuser registry, checking for the name and address of every person who is requesting to adopt, buy or own a companion animal. Provides that a person may not intentionally or knowingly sell, gift, adopt out or transfer a companion animal to a person who is listed in the central animal abuser registry. A person who knowingly sells, gifts, adopts or transfers an animal to a person who is listed in the central animal abuser registry is subject to a civil penalty of at least \$1,000. For purposes of this section: "Animal" means companion animal. Does not include livestock. "Companion animal" means any domesticated dog or cat.

Introduction Date: 2024-01-16

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
AZ	SB 1199	Reported Held Out Of Land Agriculture Rural Affairs Committee 2024 03 18	Failed sine die	Monitor	High

Title
Veterinarian malpractice actions; damages

Primary Sponsors
John Kavanagh

Bill Summary: Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Jan 23, 2024, 1:29 PM
Amends Title 32 (Professions & Occupations), Chapter 21 (Veterinarians), Article 3 (Regulation) of Arizona Revised Statutes by adding a new Section 32-2240.04 (Malpractice Action; Damages) to provide for non-economic damages awards for the death of a person's domesticated dog or cat. Provides that, if a person prevails in a malpractice action against a veterinarian, the person may receive the following damages for the death of the person's domesticated dog or cat: (1) The fair market value of the domesticated dog or cat; (2) The cost of all medical expenses for the domesticated dog or cat resulting from the malpractice activity; and (3) Up to \$10,000 for the person's future loss of companionship.

Introduction Date: 2024-01-24

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
AZ	SB 1200	Reported Held Out Of Land Agriculture Rural Affairs Committee 2024 03 18	Failed sine die	Monitor	Medium

Title

Veterinarians; malpractice; unprofessional conduct

Primary Sponsors

John Kavanagh

Bill Summary: Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Jan 23, 2024, 1:45 PM
Amends Title 32 (Professions & Occupations), Chapter 21 (Veterinarians), Article 3 (Regulation), Sections 32-2232 (Unprofessional or dishonorable conduct) and 32-2233 (Revocation or suspension of license or permit; civil penalty; report of perjury) of Arizona Revised Statutes to further provide penalties for certain conduct by veterinarians. Adds to the definition of unprofessional or dishonorable conduct the following: (1) Making a false statement on or altering any document, record, or report to include a false statement concerning the medical treatment of an animal. (2) Withholding known medical information about an animal that is relevant to the animal's health, including all of the animal's known medical issues that are necessary for the owner or caretaker to make a fully informed decision whether to pursue further treatment of the animal with that veterinarian or with another veterinarian. (3) Allowing a person to perform a procedure the person is not certified to perform without supervision unless the veterinarian confirms the person's ability to perform the procedure. Adds provision that the Board may sanction the following conduct and may impose a fine of not more than \$1,900 for failure to provide records or copies of records of veterinary medical services, including copies of radiographs, to the owner of or another veterinarian currently providing veterinary medical services to an animal within 10 days after the date of the owner's or veterinarian's request or in less than 10 days if the animal's medical condition requires. Provides that, for each year beginning from and after December 31, 2024, the Board shall increase the dollar amounts of the maximum civil penalties imposed under this section for inflation based on the GDP Price Deflator. For purposes of this section: "Board" means the Arizona State Veterinary Medical Examining Board.

Introduction Date: 2024-01-29

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
AZ	SB 1202	Senate Second Reading 2024 01 30	Failed sine die	Monitor	Medium

Title
Veterinarians; unprofessional conduct; private action

Primary Sponsors
John Kavanagh

Bill Summary: Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Jan 23, 2024, 4:23 PM
Amends Title 32 (Professions & Occupations), Chapter 21 (Veterinarians), Article 3 (Regulation) of Arizona Revised Statutes by adding a new Section 32-2232.01 (Private right of action; damages) to provide for: (1) A private right of action in court against a veterinarian; and (2) Damages awards for serious injury or death of an animal. Provides that a person has a private right of action in court against a licensed veterinarian if the person is in a veterinarian client patient relationship with the licensed veterinarian and the licensed veterinarian either: (1) Does not fully disclose information about the animal's medical condition to the person, resulting in the person delaying pursuit of additional veterinary care for the animal to save the animal's life or diminish the animal's suffering; or (2) Allows an unlicensed person to perform any invasive procedure on an animal without the direct supervision of the licensed veterinarian and the procedure results in serious injury to or death of the animal. Provides that a person who prevails in a private right of action under this chapter is entitled to the following: (1) For the death of an animal, the fair market value of the animal or the reasonable replacement cost of the animal, whichever is greater, and the cost of all medical expenses for the animal relating to the action described in this section. (2) For serious injury to an animal, the cost of all medical expenses for the animal relating to the action described in this section, including ongoing care.

Introduction Date: 2024-01-29

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
AZ	SB 1237	Assigned To Appropriations Committee 2024 03 20	Failed sine die	Monitor	High

Title
Working animals; restrictions; prohibition

Primary Sponsors
Janae Shamp

Introduction Date: 2024-01-29

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
AZ	SB 1439	Senate Republican Caucus Yes 2024 02 20	Failed sine die	Support	Medium

Title
Rental property; dog breeds

Primary Sponsors
Brian Fernandez

Bill Summary: Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Feb 13, 2024, 7:47 PM
Amends Title 33 (Property), Chapter 10 (AZ Residential Landlord and Tenant Act), Section 33-1315 (Prohibited provisions in rental agreements) of Arizona Revised Statutes to prohibit landlords from discriminating against certain dog breeds. Adds provision that, if a landlord allows a tenant to house a dog in or on the tenant's premises, the landlord may not prohibit specific breeds or types of dogs.

Introduction Date: 2024-01-31

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