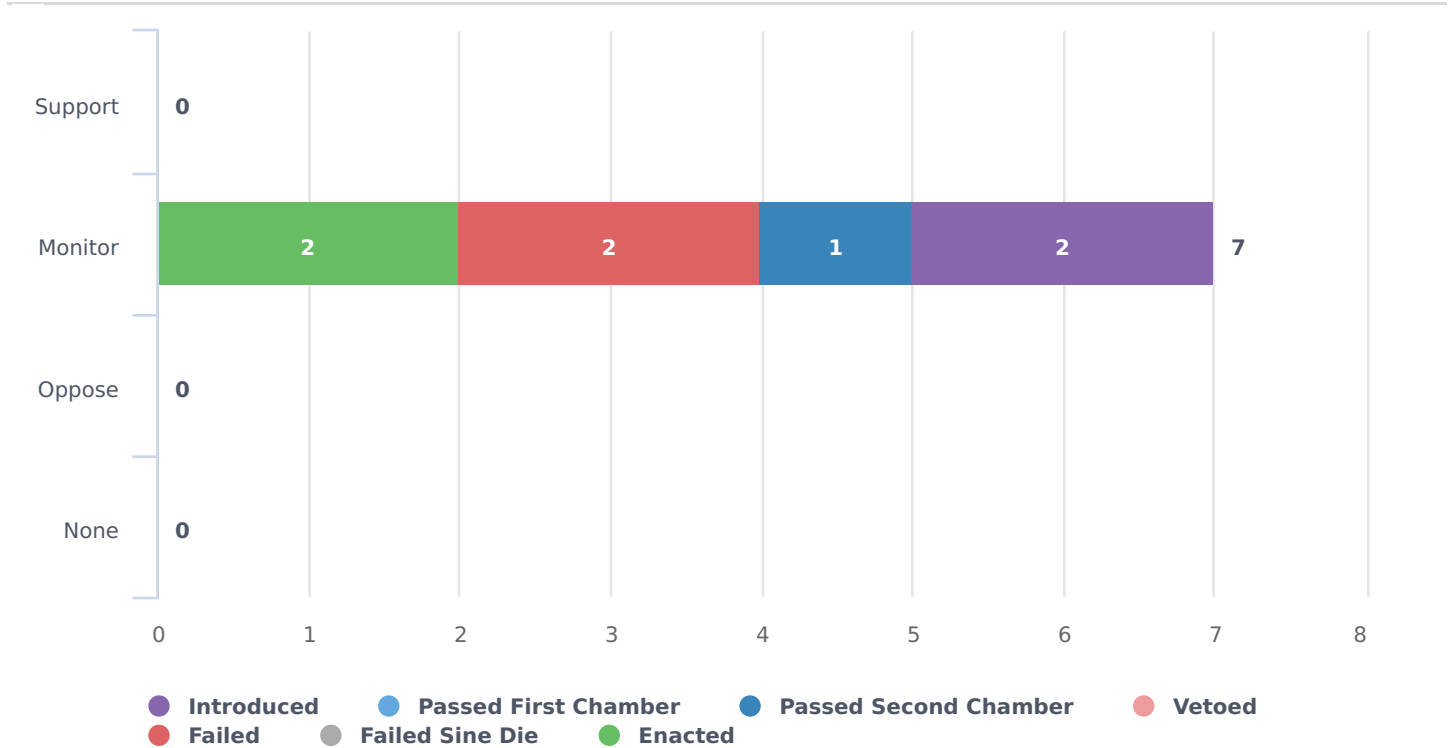


# Louisiana - 2024 Legislative Overview

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Bills by Last Status and Position



Bill State: LA (7)

State  
**LA**

Bill Number  
**HB 194**

Last Action  
**Withdrawn From The Files Of The  
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Status  
**Failed**

**Title**

CRIMINAL/PENALTIES: Provides relative to the crimes of owning dangerous and vicious dogs (OR SEE FISC NOTE LF EX)

**Primary Sponsors**

Kimberly Landry Coates

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Feb 27, 2024, 3:52 PM

Amends Title 14 (Criminal Law), Sections 14:102.14 (Unlawful Ownership of a Dangerous Dog) and 14:102.15 (Unlawful Ownership of a Vicious Dog) of Louisiana Revised Statutes to enhance the penalties for violations. Amended penalties for violation of Section 14:102.14 (Unlawful Ownership of a Dangerous Dog): (1) For a first offense, a fine of \$250, imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. (2) For a second offense, a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000, or imprisonment, with or without hard labor, for not less than three months nor more than six months, or both. Further requires the court to order the offender to perform 15 eight-hour days of court-approved community service and provides that the community service requirement shall not be suspended. (3) For a third or subsequent offense, a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000, and imprisonment, with or without hard labor, for not less than six months nor more than one year. Further provides that at least three months of the sentence imposed shall be served without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence. Amended penalties for violation of Section 14:102.15 (Unlawful Ownership of a Vicious Dog): (1) For a first offense, a fine of \$500, imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. (2) For a second offense, a fine of not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$2,000, or imprisonment, with or without hard labor, for not less than six months nor more than one year, or both. Further requires the court to order the offender to perform 15 eight-hour days of court-approved community service and provides that the community service requirement shall not be suspended. (3) For a third or subsequent offense, a fine of not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$2,000, and imprisonment, with or without hard labor, for not less than one year nor more than three years. Further provides that at least six months of the sentence imposed shall be served without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence.

**Introduction Date:** 2024-02-26

State  
**LA**

Bill Number  
**HB 292**

Last Action  
**Withdrawn Prior To Introduction 2024  
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Status  
**Failed**

**Title**

MTR VEHICLE/LICEN PLATES: Creates the "Humane Society of Louisiana" specialty license plate

**Primary Sponsors**

Delisha Boyd

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Feb 29, 2024, 3:14 PM

Amends Title 47 (Revenue & Taxation) of Louisiana Revised Statutes by adding a new Section 47:462.230 to create the "Humane Society of Louisiana" motor vehicle special prestige license plate. Provides for the creation, issuance, design, fees, implementation, distribution, and rule promulgation applicable to this license plate. Requires the Department of Public Safety & Corrections to collect an annual royalty fee of \$25 in addition to the standard motor vehicle license tax and a \$3.50 handling fee for each plate to be retained by the department to offset a portion of administrative costs. Requires monies received from the royalty fees be forwarded to the treasurer of the Humane Society of La. Specifies that monies received from the royalty fees be used to fund spay and neuter programs to help with the current overpopulation of animals.

**Introduction Date:** 2024-02-28

**Title**

ANIMALS: Provides relative to support and service animals

**Primary Sponsors**

Joe Stagni

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Mar 1, 2024, 3:25 PM

Amends Title 46 (Public Welfare & Assistance) of Louisiana Revised Statutes by adding a new Chapter 24 ("The Louisiana Support and Service Animal Integrity Act") to provide: (1) Definitions; (2) Documentation requirements for healthcare providers in recommending support animals; (3) Notice requirements in the sale of support animals; and (4) To prohibit certain misrepresentations. Prohibits healthcare providers from producing documentation relating to an individual's need for a support animal unless they satisfy certain requirements. Prohibits misrepresentations of service dogs and requires written notices for individuals and businesses who sell support animals. Limits liability for owners and lessors for damages caused by a service dog or support animal. For purposes of this section: "Support animal" means an animal, other than a service dog, that does work, performs tasks, provides assistance, or therapeutic emotional support for individuals with disabilities. "Service dog" means a dog who has been trained or is being trained to do work or perform a task for a person with a disability. "Service dog" refers to a dog trained as any of the following: (1) A hearing dog; (2) A guide dog; (3) A seizure alert dog; (4) A mobility dog; (5) An autism service dog; (6) A dog providing assistance during a medical crisis; or (7) A service dog providing assistance to persons, including veterans with traumatic brain injury or post traumatic stress disorder.

**Introduction Date:** 2024-02-29

**Title**

WILDLIFE & FISHERIES DEP: Provides relative to the regulation of reptiles and amphibians

**Primary Sponsors**

Polly Thomas

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Mar 4, 2024, 2:04 PM

Amends Title 56 (Wildlife & Fisheries) to provide for the regulation of reptiles and amphibians by providing for: (1) Licenses; to provide for species of snakes allowed to be imported, sold, or purchased; (2) Methods of collection; (3) New/amended definitions. Section 56:6 (Special powers and duties; statistics; rules and regulations; reports) amendments: Provides that the LA Wildlife & Fisheries Commission shall promulgate rules and regulations to control the importation and private possession of nonindigenous constrictors in excess of EIGHT FEET IN LENGTH (current statute = 12 feet in length), venomous snakes, and nonhuman primates. Section 56:632.3 (Licenses) amendments: Provides that a violation of this section is a CLASS 2 VIOLATION (current statute = Class 1 violation). Section 56:632.4 (Reptile and amphibian collector's license; scientific permit) amendments: Provides for a "Research and Collecting" permit and that persons engaged in herpetological research shall possess a scientific research and collecting permit prior to the removal of native reptiles or amphibians from the wild. Provides that all persons engaged in the COMMERCIAL COLLECTION AND sale of native reptiles and amphibians collected in Louisiana must possess a license. Section 56:632. (Reptile and amphibian wholesale/retail dealer's license; nonresident three day license) amendments: Provides that any person purchasing or acquiring any species of native and nonnative reptiles and amphibians from within or outside the state, for sale or resale, or possessing native or nonnative reptiles and amphibians for propagation for sale shall possess a reptile and amphibian wholesale/retail dealer's license at a cost of \$220 for a resident and \$880 for a nonresident. This license shall not apply to farm raised aquatic chelonians regulated under Title 3. Provides that a violation of this section is a CLASS 2 VIOLATION (current statute = Class 3 violation). Section 56:632.5.1 (Constrictors and poisonous snakes) amendment: Amends title to section to read "Constrictors and VENOMOUS snakes". Adds "selling or purchasing" to the current restrictions on constrictor snakes in excess of eight feet long (current statute = "importation or private possession". Adds provision that private possession, selling or purchasing of the following constrictor snake species at any size in length shall be only by permit issued by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries: Boa constrictor (Boa Constrictor), Python reticulatus (Reticulated Python), Python sebae (North African Python), Python natalensis (South African Python), and all species in the genus Eunectes (Anacondas). Adds provision that Burmese pythons (Pythonmolurus) are prohibited from importation and possession, except for animals kept by certified animal sanctuaries, zoos, aquariums, wildlife research centers, scientific organizations, and medical research facilities as defined in the Animal Welfare Act, 7 U.S.C. 2132(e). Adds provision that the importation and possession of the following venomous snake species is prohibited: All species in the family Atractaspididae (stiletto snakes); all species in the genera Dispholidus (boomsnags), Thelotornis (twig snakes), and Rhabdophis (keelback snakes) of the family Colubridae; and all species in the genera Naja, Ophiophagus, Aspidelaps, and Walterinnesia (cobras), Dendroaspis (mambas), Oxyuranus (taipans), and Bungarus (kraits) of the family Elapidae, except for animals kept by certified animal sanctuaries, zoos, aquariums, wildlife research centers, scientific organizations, and medical research facilities as defined in the Animal Welfare Act, 7 U.S.C. 2132(e). Section 56:637.1 (Definitions; applicability) amendments: Provides that no person shall have in his possession MORE THAN 2 box turtles (current statute = more than 4 box turtles), REGARDLESS OF SPECIES, at any time.

**Introduction Date:** 2024-03-01

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
<b>LA</b>	<b>HB 532</b>	<b>Read By Title Returned To The Calendar</b> <b>2024 04 09</b>	<b>In House</b>

**Title**  
WILDLIFE & FISHERIES: Provides relative to the seizure of animals by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

**Primary Sponsors**  
Bryan Fontenot

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Mar 4, 2024, 2:12 PM  
Amends Title 56 (Wildlife & Fisheries), Section 56:58 (Disposition of seizures other than vessels, airplanes, and other vehicles) of Louisiana Revised Statutes to further provide for the seizure of animals by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Provides that any live animal seized under the provisions of present law that is illegal to possess must be forfeited as contraband and that the department may dispose of the animal in any manner they deem appropriate. Further specifies that if the animal is euthanized it must be done humanely.

**Introduction Date:** 2024-03-01

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
<b>LA</b>	<b>HB 653</b>	<b>Effective Date 08 01 2024 2024 06 03</b>	<b>Enacted</b>

**Title**  
AGRICULTURE: Creates the Louisiana Commemorative Pet Stamp Program (EN NO IMPACT See Note)

**Primary Sponsors**  
Lauren Ventrella

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Mar 4, 2024, 2:28 PM  
Amends Title 3 (Agriculture & Forestry) of Louisiana Revised Statutes by adding a new Section 2481 which would create the "Louisiana Commemorative Pet Stamp Program". Creates the Louisiana Commemorative Pet Stamp Program which will be regulated by the Louisiana Pet Overpopulation Advisory Council. Provides that the Louisiana Pet Overpopulation Council shall provide, by regulation for the annual creation of commemorative pet stamps and prints, the manner of selection of art and artist, the submission process, the manner of reproduction, distribution, marketing and sale of such stamps and prints, and the criteria for its annual contests. Provides that the council may sell such stamps and prints by any method and platform it deems to be most beneficial to the council, including public or private auction or direct sale to an individual, group, or organization. Provides that the cost for a commemorative pet stamp shall be no less than fifteen dollars for residents and nonresidents. Provides that the council shall retain exclusive ownership and production rights to the design for reproduction of commemorative pet stamps and prints to sell to interested persons. Upon completion of this process, the original artwork shall be returned to the artist. Creates a fund in the state treasury, to be known as the Commemorative Pet Stamp Fund. Provides that the funds would be used by the council to support its spay and neuter programs and other related projects. Requires that the treasurer prepare and submit a report to the council on a quarterly basis, showing the amount of money contained in the fund.

**Introduction Date:** 2024-03-01

State  
**LA**

Bill Number  
**SB 95**

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**Enacted**

**Title**

ANIMALS: Provides relative to strayed animals. (gov sig)

**Primary Sponsors**

Bill Wheat

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Feb 29, 2024, 3:22 PM

Amends Title 3 (Agriculture & Forestry), Section 3:743 (Strayed Animals) of Louisiana Revised Statutes to further provide for notification requirements and disposition of strayed animals. Provides that notice can be made by electronic submission through the Department's website and expenses will commence on the date notice is electronically submitted. Provides that if the Commission is unable to determine ownership within 10 days of receipt of the notice, the strayed animal will be advertised and sold in accordance with law.

**Introduction Date:** 2024-02-28

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