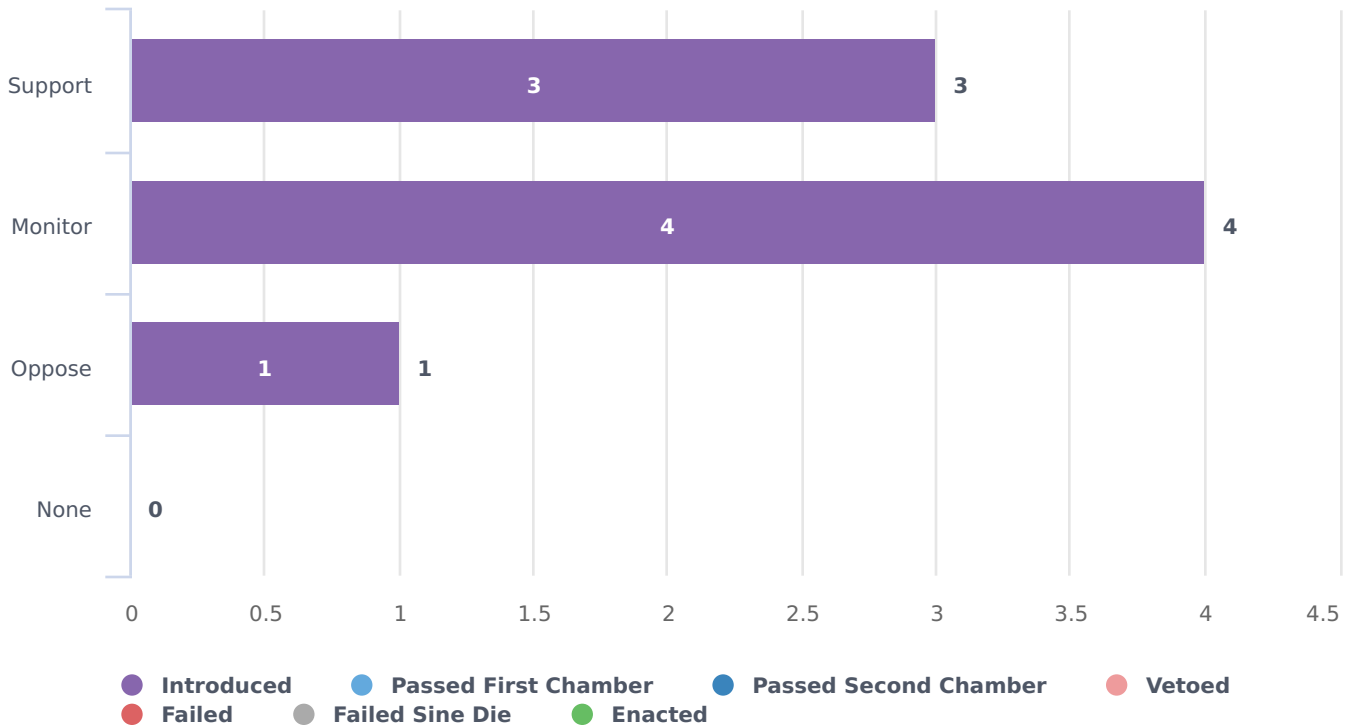


Michigan - 2023 Legislative Overview

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Bills by Last Status and Position



Bill State: MI (8)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
MI	HB 4278	Bill Electronically Reproduced 03 14 2023 2023 03 15	In House	Monitor	Low

Title

Animals: research facilities; certain research facilities to offer certain laboratory animals for adoption before euthanization; require. Amends title & secs. 1 & 7 of 1969 PA 224 (MCL 287.381 & 287.387) & adds sec. 8a. TIE BAR WITH: HB 4277'23

Primary Sponsors

Veronica Paiz

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"Teddy's Law" amends Chapter 287 (Animal Industry), Act 224 (Use of Dogs and Cats for Research) of Michigan Compiled Statutes to further regulate dealers that deliver transport, board, buy, or sell dogs or cats for laboratory research purposes. Requires research facilities to offer laboratory animals no longer used for laboratory research to certain animal protection shelters for adoption before euthanizing. Requires research facilities to submit annual reports. Provides that the Department shall maintain and make available on its website a list of all research facilities operating in this state. Provides immunity from civil liability under certain conditions. For purposes of this section: "Dealer" means a person that for compensation or profit delivers for transportation, transports, boards, buys, or sells dogs or cats for research purposes. Dealer does not include a person that breeds or raises dogs or cats for sale to a research facility. "Department" means the Department of Agriculture & Rural Development.

Introduction Date: 2023-03-14

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
MI	HB 4674	Bill Electronically Reproduced 05 25 2023 2023 05 30	In House	Monitor	Low

Title

Animals: cats; certain medical procedures for declawing a cat; prohibit. Amends 1978 PA 368 (MCL 333.1101 - 333.25211) by adding sec. 18830.

Primary Sponsors

Jimmie Wilson

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Amends Chapter 333 (Health), Act 368 (Public Health Code), Article 15 (Occupations), Part 188 (Veterinary Medicine) of Michigan Compiled Laws by adding a new Section 18830 to prohibit certain medical procedures for declawing a cat. Provides that a licensee shall not perform by any means an onychectomy, a partial or complete phalangectomy, or tendonectomy procedure, or any other surgical procedure that prevents normal functioning of the claws, toes, or paws, on a cat, unless the procedure is necessary to address a therapeutic purpose. For purposes of this section: "Therapeutic purpose" means a physical medical condition of a cat, including, but not limited to, an existing or recurring illness, infection, disease, injury, or abnormal condition in the claw of a cat that compromises the cat's health. Therapeutic purpose does not include a cosmetic or aesthetic reason or a reason of convenience in keeping or handling a cat.

Introduction Date: 2023-05-25

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
MI	HB 4838	Bill Electronically Reproduced 06 22 2023 2023 06 27	In House	Oppose	High

Title

Animals: pet shops; requirement for pet shops to sell only certain animals; provide for. Amends secs. 1, 5a & 10 of 1969 PA 287 (MCL 287.331 et seq.).

Primary Sponsors

Penelope Tsernoglou

Introduction Date: 2023-06-22

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
MI	HB 4849	Bill Electronically Reproduced 06 27 2023 2023 06 28	In House	Monitor	Low

Title

Animals: care and treatment; conducting of research or training activities on cats or dogs in a manner that causes pain or distress; prohibit. Amends secs. 2674, 2675 & 2678 of 1978 PA 368 (MCL 333.2674 et seq.); adds secs. 2670 & 2675a & repeals secs. 2672 & 2673 of 1978 PA 368 (MCL 333.2672 & 333.2673).

Primary Sponsors

Matt Koleszar

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"Queenie's Law" amends Chapter 333 (Health), Act 368 (Public Health Code), Article 2 (Administration), Part 26 (Data, Information & Research) of MI Compiled Statutes by adding a new Section 2670 to prohibit the conducting of research or training activities on cats or dogs in a manner that causes pain or distress. Provides that a research facility shall not use a dog or cat for experimental purposes in a manner that causes pain or distress to the dog or cat. Directs the Department of Agriculture to establish standards pertaining to the prohibition of the use of a dog or cat for experimental purposes in a manner that causes pain or distress to the dog or cat. Provides that a research facility that violates this section is subject to a civil fine of not less than \$1,000.00 or more than \$5,000.00 for each dog or cat that is the subject of a violation and for each day that the violation continues. For purposes of this section: "Experimental purpose" means the use of animals to conduct research, testing, or training related to the treatment of human or animal diseases and disorders.

Introduction Date: 2023-06-27

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
MI	HB 4980	Bill Electronically Reproduced 09 14 2023 2023 09 19	In House	Monitor	Low

Title

Health occupations: veterinarians; veterinarian-client-patient relationship; require. Amends secs. 16287 & 18811 of 1978 PA 368 (MCL 333.16287 & 333.18811) & adds sec. 18818.

Primary Sponsors

Laurie Pohutsky

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Amends Chapter 333 (Health), Act 368 (Public Health Code), Article 15 (Occupations), Part 188 (Veterinary Medicine) of Michigan Compiled Statutes by adding a new Section 18818 to provide that a veterinarian shall not engage in the practice of veterinary medicine unless it is within the context of a veterinarian-client-patient relationship. Provides that subject to federal law, all of the following requirements must be met for a veterinarian-client-patient relationship to exist: 1) The veterinarian must assume responsibility for making clinical judgments regarding the health of the animal and the need for medical treatment and its owner must have agreed to follow the veterinarian's instructions. 2) The veterinarian must have sufficient knowledge of the animal to initiate, at a minimum, a general or preliminary diagnosis of the medical condition of the animal. 3) The veterinarian must be readily available, or must arrange for emergency coverage, for a follow-up evaluation in the event of an adverse reaction or the failure of the treatment regimen. 4) The veterinarian must have recently examined the animal in person or obtained current knowledge of the animal through the use of instrumentation and diagnostic equipment through which images and medical records may be transmitted electronically or through a referral from another veterinarian. Provides that a veterinarian shall not conduct an electronic examination of an animal through telehealth if any of the following apply: (i) The animal is not a companion animal; or (ii) The veterinarian is performing the examination to issue an interstate certificate of veterinary inspection or a pet health certificate. For purposes of this section: "Companion animal" means an animal that is commonly considered to be, or is considered by its owner to be, a pet, or that is a service animal. Companion animal includes, but is not limited to, dogs and cats. "Pet health certificate" means a certificate in a form prescribed by the director in which a veterinarian attests to the species, age, sex, breed, and description of an animal; any medical conditions of the animal; any medical treatment and vaccinations that the animal received while under the control of a pet shop or large-scale dog breeding kennel; and to the fact that at the time of the preparation of the certificate the veterinarian examined the animal and found the animal free from visual evidence of communicable disease.

Introduction Date: 2023-09-14

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
MI	HB 5039	Bill Electronically Reproduced 09 26 2023 2023 09 27	In House	Support	Low

Title

Animals: dogs; county enacting or enforcing an ordinance, policy, resolution, or rule that regulates a dog based upon breed or perceived breed; prohibit. Creates new act.

Primary Sponsors

Penelope Tsernoglou

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An Act prohibiting counties from enacting or enforcing an ordinance, policy, resolution, or rule that regulates a dog based on the breed or perceived breed of the dog. Provides that a county shall not enact or enforce an ordinance, policy, resolution, or rule that regulates a dog based on breed or perceived breed. The Act does not prohibit a county from enacting an ordinance, policy, resolution, or rule that places restrictions or imposes additional requirements on dogs or dog owners.

Introduction Date: 2023-09-26

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
MI	HB 5040	Bill Electronically Reproduced 09 26 2023 2023 09 27	In House	Support	Low

Title
Animals: dogs; township enacting or enforcing an ordinance, policy, resolution, or rule that regulates a dog based upon breed or perceived breed; prohibit. Creates new act.

Primary Sponsors
Joseph Aragona

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An Act prohibiting townships from enacting or enforcing an ordinance, policy, resolution, or rule that regulates a dog based on the breed or perceived breed of the dog. Provides that a township shall not enact or enforce an ordinance, policy, resolution, or rule that regulates a dog based on breed or perceived breed. The Act does not prohibit a township from enacting an ordinance, policy, resolution, or rule that places restrictions or imposes additional requirements on dogs or dog owners.

Introduction Date: 2023-09-26

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
MI	HB 5041	Bill Electronically Reproduced 09 26 2023 2023 09 27	In House	Support	Low

Title
Animals: dogs; city or village enacting or enforcing an ordinance, policy, resolution, or rule that regulates a dog based upon breed or perceived breed; prohibit. Creates new act.

Primary Sponsors
Veronica Paiz

Bill Summary: Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Sep 27, 2023, 5:45 PM
An Act prohibiting cities and villages from enacting or enforcing an ordinance, policy, resolution, or rule that regulates a dog based on the breed or perceived breed of the dog. Provides that cities and villages shall not enact or enforce an ordinance, policy, resolution, or rule that regulates a dog based on breed or perceived breed. The Act does not prohibit a city or village from enacting an ordinance, policy, resolution, or rule that places restrictions or imposes additional requirements on dogs or dog owners.

Introduction Date: 2023-09-26