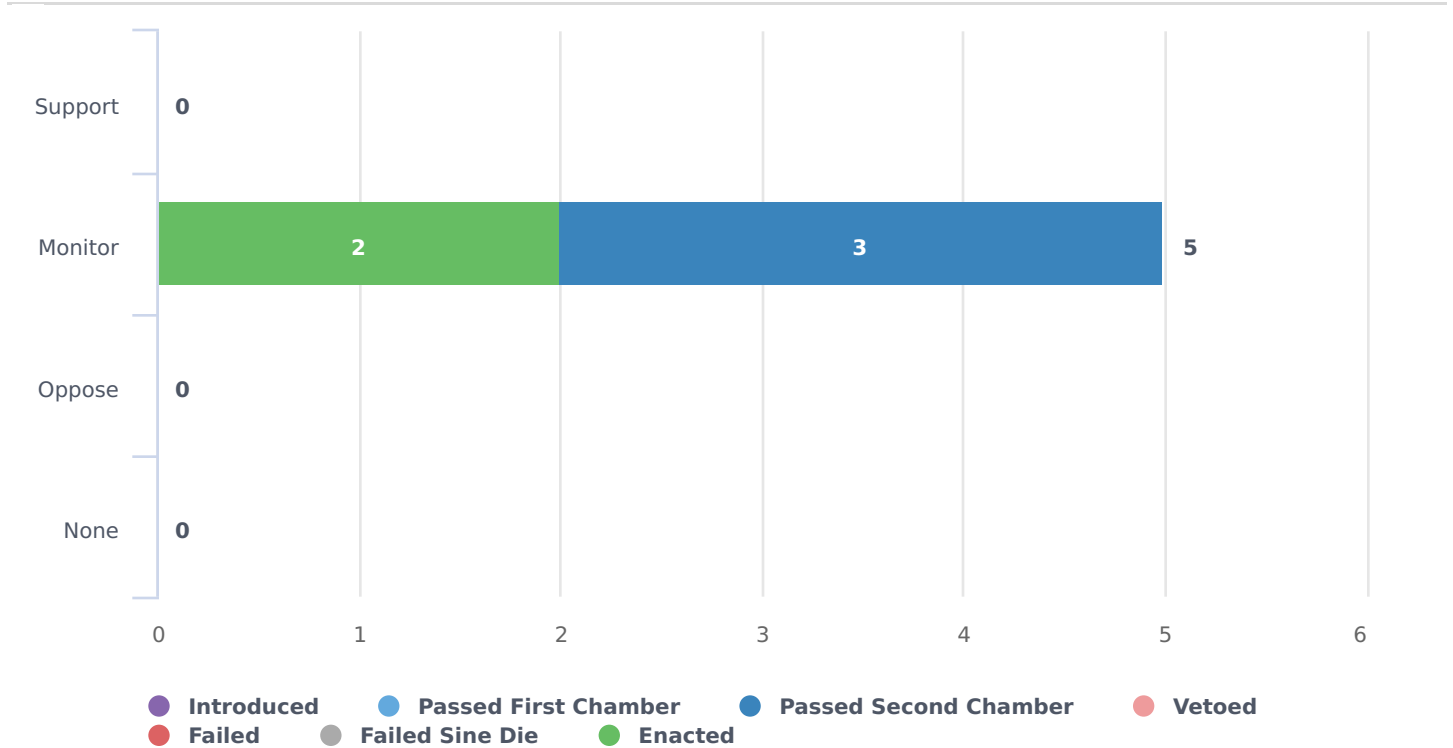


Utah - 2024 Legislative Overview

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Bills by Last Status and Position



Bill State: UT (5)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position
UT	HB 145	Governor Signed 2024 03 13	Enacted	Monitor

Title
Veterinary Amendments

Bill Summary: Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Mar 15, 2024, 12:59 PM
Amends Title 58 (Professions & Occupations), Chapter 28 (Veterinary Practice Act) of Utah Code to authorize veterinary telehealth services. Authorizes veterinary telehealth services if providing the service or treatment through telehealth services would meet the standards of the veterinarian profession. Limits when a veterinarian may prescribe a controlled substance through telehealth services. Repeals the prohibition on establishing a veterinarian-client-patient relationship solely through electronic or telephonic means. For purposes of this section: "Telehealth services" means the transmission of animal health-related services or information through the use of electronic communication or information technology. "Veterinarian" means an individual licensed under this chapter to engage in the practice of veterinary medicine, surgery, and dentistry.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position
UT	HB 312	House To Governor 2024 03 11	Passed Senate	Monitor

Title
Professional Licensing Amendments

Bill Summary: Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Jan 17, 2024, 3:05 PM
Amends Title 58 (Occupations & Professions), Chapter 28 (Veterinary Practice Act), Part 3 (Licensing), Section 307 (Exemptions) of Utah Code to modify licensure provisions related to animal massage therapists. Allows an individual who has completed at least 60 hours of animal massage therapy training to engage in the practice of animal massage therapy without a massage therapist license.

State UT	Bill Number HB 478	Last Action Governor Signed 2024 03 12	Status Enacted	Position Monitor
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Title
Animal Care Amendments

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Amends Title 4 (UT Agricultural Code), Chapter 2 (Administration) by adding a new Section 4-2-903 (Animal care violations) and Title 76 (Utah Criminal Code), Chapter 9 (Offenses Against Public Order and Decency), Part 3 (Cruelty to Animals) by adding a new Section 76-9-301.9 (Animal care facilities and breeders-Definitions-Penalty) to: (1) Establish requirements for animal care by an animal care facility or a dog breeder; and (2) Criminalize a violation of the animal care requirements as an infraction. Provides that the department may, in accordance with this section and as resources allow, respond to a complaint that a dog breeder or an animal care facility has violated this section and may: (1) Impose a civil fine of up to \$1,000 per violation; (2) Seek a temporary restraining order; (3) Seek an injunction; (4) Seek an order of seizure or condemnation for an animal that is the subject of the violation, if the department has identified a suitable animal care facility that accepts custody of the animal; or (5) Report the circumstances to law enforcement or a prosecutor. Provides that, for a dog in a dog breeder's or an animal care facility's possession, the dog breeder or animal care facility shall ensure that: (1) A female dog does not produce more than one litter in any twelve-month period, unless a licensed veterinarian has examined the female dog and has determined that it is safe for the dog to produce more than one litter in a twelve-month period; and (2) A dog under eight weeks of age or a dog not properly weaned is not sold. Provides that an animal care facility shall keep records: (1) Identifying, to the best of the animal care facility's knowledge, an animal's owner at the time the animal care facility acquires the animal; and (2) Documenting dangerous behaviors, if any, health conditions, and medical care for an animal in the dog breeder's or animal care facility's possession. Provides that a dog breeder's or an animal care facility's violation of a requirement described in this section is an infraction subject to a fine of \$750. For purposes of this section: "Animal care facility" means an animal rescue, animal sanctuary, or animal shelter. "Animal shelter" means the same as that term is defined in Section 11-46-102 (Utah Code). "Dog breeder" means a person that breeds dogs for the primary or express purpose of selling, trading, bartering, or otherwise transferring dogs to another person for profit. "Dog breeder" does not include a person that: (1) Produces no more than one litter per calendar year; (2) Breeds only livestock guardian dogs; or (3) Breeds only dogs raised to work on a farm or ranch.

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Title
Dog Related Liability Amendments

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Amends Title 18 (Dogs), Chapter 1 (Injuries by Dogs), Section 18-1-1 (Liability and damages for dog injury -- Exceptions) of Utah Code to address the period within which a person may bring an action related to an injury caused by a dog. Provides that a person may only bring an action under this section against an owner or keeper of a dog within four (4) years after the day on which the event giving rise to the action occurs if the event occurs on or after May 1, 2024.

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SB 116

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Title

Eviction Notice Requirements Amendments

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Amends Title 78B (Judicial Code), Chapter 6 (Particular Proceedings), Section 812 (Order of restitution - Service - Enforcement - Disposition of personal property - Hearing) of Utah Code to further address the handling of companion animals impacted by eviction. Imposes requirements in relation to a companion animal on the premises when enforcing an order of restitution. Places a cap on fees charged for keeping a companion animal taken from the premises when enforcing an order of restitution. For purposes of this section: "Companion animal" means a domestic dog, cat, rabbit, bird, or other animal that is kept solely as a pet and is not a production animal. "Production animal" means a live, nonhuman vertebrate member of the biological kingdom Animalia used for the purpose of producing, or being sold to another for the purpose of producing, food, fiber, or another commercial product.

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