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AK

[HB 32](#)

Label Genetically Modified Food

Description:

Would require food produced with genetic engineering to be labeled.

Status: Introduced 1/28/2017

Pending

AK

[HB 92](#)

Description:

Would require food produced with genetic engineering to be labeled.

Status: Introduced 1/30/2015; Died in Committee

Failed

AK

[HB 99](#)

Description:

Would require farmed fish to bear a label reading "farmed fish" and fish produced with genetic engineering to bear a label reading "genetically modified fish or fish product."

Status: Introduced 1/18/2011; Died in Committee

Failed

AK

[HJR 8](#)

Description:

Would urge the United States Food and Drug Administration to deny any application to sell genetically engineered salmon in the United States.

Status: Introduced 1/18/2011; Died in Committee

Failed

AL

[HB 561](#)

Description:

To prohibit a county or municipal government from adopting any ordinance, rule, or resolution concerning the care and handling of livestock or animal husbandry practices on any private property and to reserve the entire subject of care, handling, or animal husbandry to the Department of Agriculture and Industries and the State Board of Agriculture and Industries.

Passed

Pass Date: 4/14/2010

AL

[SB 271](#)

Farm Animal, Crop, and Research Facilities Protection Act

Description:

Would prohibit any person to intentionally release, steal, destroy, or otherwise cause loss of any animal or crop from an animal or crop facility without the consent of the owner. Other illegal actions include vandalizing obtaining access by false pretenses for the purpose of performing acts not authorized by the facility, and possession of records obtained by theft or deception without authorization of the facility.

Status: Effective 7/1/2002

Passed

AL

[SR 37](#)

Description:

Would require the use of "sound science" when evaluating crop protection chemistries, genetically engineered traits and agricultural nutrients.

Status: Engrossed 4/30/2015; Died in Chamber

Failed

AR

[HB 1665](#)

Description:

Would make a person who knowingly gains access to a nonpublic area of an agricultural production operation and engages in an act that exceeds the person's authority to enter the nonpublic area is liable to the owner or operator of the property for any damages sustained by the owner or operator. An act that exceeds the person's authority includes for a reason other than the intent of seeking or holding employment or doing business with the employer and without authorization subsequently:

1. Captures or removes the employer's data, paper, records, or any other documents and uses the information contained on or in the employer's data, paper, records, or any other documents in a manner that damages the employer;
2. Records images or sound occurring within an employer's commercial property and uses the recording in a manner that damages the employer;
3. Places on the commercial property an unattended camera or electronic surveillance device and uses the unattended camera or electronic surveillance device to record images or data for an unlawful purpose;
4. Conspires in an organized theft of items belonging to the employer; or
5. Commits an act that substantially interferes with the ownership or possession of the commercial property.

Passed

Pass Date: 3/23/2017

AR

[HB 1769](#)

Arkansas Animal Abuse Registry

Description:

Would create the Arkansas Animal Abuse Registry.

Status: Introduced 3/13/2017

Pending

AR

[HB 1960](#)

Branding and marketing of livestock

Description:

A person shall not purposely brand, misbrand, mark, or mismark horses, cattle, hogs, sheep and goats with an intent to defraud; or purposely brands over a previous brand or cuts out or obliterates a previous mark or brand on the animal with an intent to defraud.

Passed

Pass Date: 4/2/2015

AR

[HCR 1004](#)

Horse Processing Facilities

Description:

Would request the Arkansas Congressional Delegation and the Congress of the United States to support horse processing facilities.

Passed

Pass Date: 4/6/2009

AR

[SB 13](#)

Description:

Would provide legal protection to animal owners and their animals to ensure that only law enforcement agencies investigate charges of animal cruelty.

Passed

Pass Date: 4/10/2013

AR

[SB 14](#)

Interference with a livestock or poultry operation

Description:

Would prohibit a person from knowingly recording an image of or sound from the livestock or poultry operation by leaving a recording device on the private property where the livestock or poultry operation is conducted, with the purpose to cause harm to the operation; knowingly obtaining access to the operation under false pretenses; applying for employment at an operation with the purpose to record an image of or sound from the operation.

Status: Failed 5/17/2013

Failed

AZ

[HB 2022](#)

Description:

Would prohibit a person convicted of an offense of animal cruelty from owning, fostering, adopting or otherwise to have care or custody of any animal in the person's household.

Status: Introduced 1/14/2014; Died in Committee

Failed

AZ

[HB 2275](#)

Genetically engineered foods; labeling

Description:

Would require foods made with genetic engineering to be labeled.

Status: Introduced 5/5/2016; Died in Chamber

Failed

AZ

[HB 2462](#)

Genetically engineered foods; labeling

Description:

Would require foods produced with genetic engineering to be labeled.

Status: Introduced 3/31/2015; Died in Committee

Failed

AZ

[HB 2474](#)

Electronic communication device; unlawful use

Description:

Would prohibit the use of a telephone or wireless phone to commit crimes of animal terrorism.

Status: Failed 2/2/2012

Failed

AZ

[HB 2587](#)

Description:

The bill states that a person shall not intentionally, knowingly or recklessly cause injury or undue suffering to livestock or poultry and that the director or the director's designee shall be notified of any investigation of an alleged violation of this and after being notified of the investigation may choose to participate or not participate in the investigation. Would make a person guilty of animal cruelty if that person intentionally, knowingly or recklessly fails to provide medical care and treatment necessary to prevent unreasonable suffering to any animal under the person's custody or control.

Status: Engrossed 3/10/2014; Died in Chamber

Failed

AZ

[HB 2612](#)

Description:

Would require a veterinarian who reasonably suspects or believes that an animal has been victim of abuse to report that suspicion to law enforcement within 48 hours after treatment or examination.

Passed

Pass Date: 4/27/2010

AZ

[Proposition 204](#)

Relating to Cruel and Inhumane Confinement of Animals

Description:

Would prohibit a person from confining a gestating pig or a veal calf on a farm for all or the majority of a day in a manner that prevents the animal from lying down and fully extending its limbs or turning around freely. Ballot passed with 62 percent of the vote on Nov. 7, 2006.

Passed

Pass Date: 11/7/2006

AZ

[SB 1037](#)

Animal abuser registration

Description:

Would require a person who is at least 18 years old and is convicted of a crime of animal abuse or attempted animal abuse to register on the animal abuse registry.

Status: Introduced 1/14/2014; Died in Committee

Failed

AZ

[SB 1180](#)

Food misbranding; genetically altered ingredients

Description:

Would require food produced with genetic engineering to be labeled.

Status: Introduced 1/24/2013; Died in Committee

Failed

CA

[AB 1277](#)

Description:

This bill would require any person over 18 years of age who is convicted of felony animal abuse, as defined, to register with the appropriate law enforcement agency, as provided, for a period of 10 years from the date of conviction.

Status: Introduced 2/19/2010; Died in Committee

Failed

CA

[AB 1437](#)

Description:

Would prohibit the sale of a shelled egg for human consumption if it is the product of an egg-laying hen that was confined in an enclosure in a manner that prevents the animal from fully extending its limbs, lying down, standing up and turning around freely.

Passed

Pass Date: 7/6/2010

CA

[AB 1656](#)

Description:

This bill, commencing 9/1/2011, would prohibit the sale or display for sale of any coat, jacket, garment, or other clothing apparel made wholly or partially of fur, regardless of the price of the apparel or the amount or value of the fur contained therein, without having attached thereto and conspicuously displayed a tag or label including the names of the animals from which the fur was acquired and the country of origin of any imported furs. Used articles of clothing would be exempt from these labeling requirements.

Status: Vetoed by Governor 9/25/2010

Failed

CA

[AB 224](#)

Description:

This bill would also encourage the department to assist in organizing community-supported agriculture. The bill would require producers that market whole produce, shell eggs, or processed foods through single-farm or multi-farm community-supported agriculture programs to register annually with the department as a California direct marketing producer.

Passed

Pass Date: 9/9/2013

CA

[AB 243](#)

California Beef Commission

Description:

The bill would create the California Beef Commission to augment and support the work conducted by the California Beef Council and to enable the cattle industry, with the aid of the state, to develop, maintain, and expand the state, nationwide, and foreign markets for beef and beef products produced, processed, manufactured, sold, or distributed in this state for human consumption, and the use and consumption of these beef and beef products in those markets.

Status: Engrossed 5/15/2017

Pending

CA

[AB 343](#)

Description:

This bill would require a person who willfully or knowingly documents evidence of animal cruelty, in the form of film, image, photographs, print, recordings, or videotapes, to provide a copy of the applicable form of documentary evidence obtained by the person to local law enforcement or an associated animal control officer within 120 hours of documentation to assist law enforcement with the timely investigation and appropriate enforcement of suspected cases of animal cruelty.

Status: Died 1/31/2014

Failed

CA

[AB 732](#)

Description:

Would prohibit a person from confining a gestating sow in an enclosure in a manner that prevents the animal from turning around freely or a veal calf in an enclosure in a manner that prevents the calf from turning around freely, lying down with its legs and neck outstretched, and grooming itself.

Status: Introduced 2/13/2003; Died in Committee

Failed

CA

[AB 77](#)

Milk and Milk Products Act of 1947

Description:

This bill would amend the Milk and Milk Products Act of 1947 to define "milk products" and "dairy products" to not include products resembling milk.

Status: Failed 2/1/2016

Failed

CA

[CO 170763](#)

Environment Code - Antibiotic Use in Food Animals

Description:

City of San Francisco ordinance that would amend the Environment Code to require certain retailers of raw meat and poultry to report the use of antibiotics in such products to the city's Department of the Environment.

Status: Introduced 6/27/2017

Pending

CA

[Proposition 2](#)

Standards for Confining Farm Animals

Description:

Backed by HSUS, this initiative would prohibit with certain exceptions, the confinement on a farm of gestating pigs, veal calves, and egg-laying hens in a manner that prevents the animal to turn around freely, lie down, stand up, and fully extend its limbs. The ballot passed with 63 percent of the vote on November 4, 2008.

Status: Effective 1/1/2015

Passed

Pass Date: 11/4/2008

CA

[SB 135](#)

Description:

Would prohibit the tail docking of cattle or horses, except for emergency veterinary treatment to save the animals life or relieve pain.

Passed

Pass Date: 9/3/2009

CA

[SB 1520](#)

Description:

The bill would prohibit a person from force feeding a bird for the purpose of enlarging the bird's liver beyond normal size, and would prohibit a person from hiring another person to do so. The bill would also prohibit a product from being sold in the state if it is the result of force feeding a bird for the purpose of enlarging the bird's liver beyond normal size.

Passed

Pass Date: 8/24/2004

CA

[SB 27](#)

Livestock: use of antimicrobial drugs

Description:

This bill would, beginning 1/1/2018, prohibit the administration of medically important antimicrobial drugs to livestock unless ordered by a licensed veterinarian through a prescription or VFD and would prohibit the

use of antimicrobial drugs solely for promoting weight gain and feed efficiency.

Passed

Pass Date: 10/10/2015

CA

[SB 416](#)

Description:

Would authorize a school district may make every effort to purchase poultry and meat products that have not been treated with nontherapeutic antibiotics and authorize each school district that purchases poultry or meat products that have not been treated with nontherapeutic antibiotics to report annually to the Superintendent.

Status: Failed 1/28/2010

Failed

CA

[SB 562](#)

Description:

Would require any person who uses antibiotics for a nontherapeutic use in any animal raised for the production of any human food product made available commercially shall be required to label the product with the following warning, which shall be prominently displayed on the front of the product packaging and which shall appear in typeface of no less than 14-point font: WARNING: THIS PRODUCT CONTAINS NONTHERAPEUTIC ANTIBIOTICS.

Status: Died 11/30/2010

Failed

CA

[SJR 22](#)

Description:

Would urge Congress to support federal legislation to protect American horses from slaughter for human consumption.

Passed

Pass Date: 9/7/2010

CO

[HB 1197](#)

Exclude Marijuana From Farm Products Definition

Description:

Would exclude marijuana from the 'farm products' definition with regard to regulation of farm products under the 'Farm Products Act'.

Passed

Pass Date: 4/6/2017

CO

[HB 13-1231](#)

Description:

Would prohibit tail docking of any dairy cattle; however, it allows tail docking if the following conditions are met: A licensed veterinarian performs the tail docking; The tail docking is performed for a therapeutic purpose; Anesthesia is used on the animal during the procedure; and The veterinarian conducts the procedure in a manner that minimizes the animal's long-term pain and suffering.

Status: Introduced 2/13/2013; Died

Failed

CO

[SB 201](#)

Description:

Would require veal calves and gestating sows be kept in a way that allows such animals to freely stand up, lie down, and turn around without touching the sides of their enclosure. Effective for veal on 1/1/2012 and effective for gestating sows on 1/1/2018.

Passed

Pass Date: 4/7/2008

CO

[SB 42](#)

Description:

Would require a person to report abandonment, mistreatment, or neglect of an animal to the owner or law enforcement within 48 hours.

Status: Failed 2/9/2015

Failed

CO

[SJR 5](#)

Concerning supporting Colorado professional rodeo

Description:

Would encourage the state's citizens to support rodeo and the many sponsors that make it possible for rodeo committees to provide a great source of family entertainment.

Status: Engrossed 1/18/2017

Pending

CT

[HB 5024](#)

Description:

Would permit local or regional boards of education to offer humane education courses and use curriculums developed by the Humane Society, ASPCA or other animal rights organizations.

Status: Introduced 1/9/2013; Died

Failed

CT

[HB 5117](#)

Description:

This bill requires that, beginning July 1, 2014, certain food items are considered misbranded unless labeled as genetically-engineered or partially produced with genetic engineering.

Status: Introduced 2/16/2012; Died

Failed

CT

[HB 5416](#)

Description:

Would establish a Livestock Care Standards Advisory Council to provide policy recommendations to the Commissioner of Agriculture on the care and handling of livestock and to prohibit the use of certain enclosures for gestating sows.

Status: Introduced 2/14/2014; Died in Chamber

Failed

CT

[HB 5464](#)

Description:

Would regulate the caging of egg-laying hens, including the prohibition of the use of battery cages.

Status: Introduced 2009; Died

Failed

CT

[HB 5811](#)

Description:

Would require battery cages for egg laying hens be of a size that ensures such hens have room to spread their

wings.

Status: Introduced 2009; Died

Failed

CT

[HB 5838](#)

Description:

Would prohibit the confinement of calves raised for veal and gestating sows in a manner that prevents such animals from turning around freely, lying down, standing up or fully extending their limbs.

Status: Introduced 1/24/2013; Died

Failed

CT

[HB 6519](#)

Description:

Would require the labeling of food produced with genetic engineering.

Status: Introduced 2/27/2013; Died

Failed

CT

[HB 6527](#)

Description:

Would require any infant formula or baby food that is partially or entirely produced with genetic engineering and is offered or intended for retail sale in the state shall include labeling that states in a clear and conspicuous manner, "produced with genetic engineering". Such labeling shall be displayed in the same size and font as the ingredients in the nutritional facts panel on the food label.

Passed

Pass Date: 6/3/2013

CT

[SB 123](#)

Description:

Would prohibit battery cages for egg-laying hens, gestation stalls for sows and veal crates for calves.

Status: Introduced 2009; Died

Failed

DC

[HB 1238](#)

Securing our Agriculture and Food Act

Description:

Would ensure food, agriculture and animal and human health sectors receive attention and are integrated into the Department of Homeland Security domestic preparedness policy initiatives.

Passed

Pass Date: 6/30/2017

DC

[HB 1552](#)

Preservation of Antibiotics for Medical Treatment Act of 2015

Description:

This bill amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require an applicant for approval of a new animal drug that is a medically important antimicrobial to demonstrate that there is a reasonable certainty of no harm to human health from antimicrobial resistance attributable to the nontherapeutic use of the drug.

Status: Introduced 3/23/2015; Died in Committee

Failed

DC

[HB 2930](#)

Drone Innovation Act of 2017

Description:

Would develop a civil unmanned aircraft policy framework and a pilot program.

Status: Introduced 6/16/2017

Pending

DC

[HB 4284 / SB 2141](#)

Description:

Would amend the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921 to make it unlawful for a packer to own, feed or control livestock intended for slaughter.

Status: Introduced 3/28/2012; Died in Committee

Failed

DC

[HR 1105](#)

Stop WOTUS Act

Description:

Would repeal the Waters of the United States rule.

Status: Introduced 2/16/2017

Pending

DC

[HR 1368 / S 503](#)

Animal Welfare Accountability and Transparency Act

Description:

Would require the Secretary of Agriculture to make publicly available certain regulatory records relating to the administration of the Animal Welfare Act and the Horse Protection Act.

Status: Introduced 3/6/2017

Pending

DC

[HR 1494](#)

PACT Act

Description:

Would empower the FBI and U.S. Attorneys to prosecute animal abuse cases that cross state lines, affect interstate commerce or occur on federal property.

Status: Introduced 3/10/2017

Pending

DC

[HR 1587](#)

Preservation of Antibiotics for Medical Treatment Act of 2017

Description:

Would make it unlawful to administer (including by means of animal feed) a medically important antimicrobial to a food-producing animal for nonroutine disease control unless there is a significant risk that a disease or infection present on the premises will be transmitted to the food-producing animal; the administration of the antimicrobial is necessary to prevent or reduce the risk of transmission of the disease or infection; the antimicrobial is administered for the shortest duration possible to prevent or reduce the risk of transmission.

Status: Introduced 3/16/2017

Pending

DC

[HR 1599](#)

Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act of 2015

Description:

The FDA must allow, but not require, genetically engineered food to be labeled. This would preempt any state authority over genetically engineered labeling in favor of a voluntary National Genetically Engineered Food Certification Program administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Status: Engrossed 7/24/2015; Died in Committee
Failed

DC

[HR 1752](#)

Description:

Would prohibit mandatory or compulsory checkoff programs.

Status: Introduced 3/28/2017
Pending

DC

[HR 1753](#)

Opportunities for Fairness in Farming Act of 2017

Description:

This bill would establish restrictions and requirements for checkoff programs, which are programs overseen by the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to promote and provide research and information for a particular agricultural commodity without reference to specific producers or brands. The bill prohibits boards established to carry out a checkoff program or a USDA order issued under a checkoff program from entering into a contract or agreement to carry out program activities with a party that engages in activities to influence any government policy or action that relates to agriculture.

This bill is supported by the Humane Society of the United States.

Status: Introduced 3/28/2017
Pending

DC

[HR 1759](#)

Traveling Exotic Animal and Public Safety Protection Act

Description:

Would prohibit the use of wild and exotic animals in traveling shows in the United States.

Status: Introduced 3/28/2017
Pending

DC

[HR 1932](#)

Farm Program Integrity Act of 2013

Description:

Amends the Food Security Act of 1985 to establish a per farm cap of \$50,000 on commodity program benefits and \$75,000 on marketing loan program benefits.

Status: Introduced 5/9/2013; Died in Committee

Failed

DC

[HR 1947](#)

Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act of 2013

Description:

Would provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018.

Status: Introduced 5/13/2013; Died in Chamber

Failed

DC

[HR 2393](#)

Country of Origin Labeling Amendments Act of 2015

Description:

Would amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to repeal country of origin labeling requirements for beef, pork, and chicken.

Status: Introduced 5/18/2015; Died

Failed

DC

[HR 2498](#)

Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act of 2013

Description:

Would reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018.

Status: Introduced 6/25/2013; Died in Committee

Failed

DC

[HR 2642](#)

Agricultural Act of 2014

Description:

Would provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018.

Passed

Pass Date: 2/7/2014

DC

[HR 2858](#)

Humane Cosmetics Act

Description:

This bill prohibits testing cosmetics on animals.

Status: Introduced 6/23/2015; Died in Committee

Failed

DC

[HR 2887](#)

No Regulation Without Representation Act of 2017

Description:

Would prevent states from imposing a tax or regulatory burdens on businesses that are not physically present in the state. Prohibited activities include telling an out-of-state business how to make or dispose of its products, as well as imposing on it income tax or sales tax collection burdens.

Status: Introduced in House

Pending

DC

[HR 2966](#)

American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act of 2011

Description:

Amends the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption.

Status: Introduced 9/19/2011; Died in Committee

Failed

DC

[HR 3108](#)

Description:

Would require all seafood sold in the United States to be traceable from ocean to plate to combat seafood

fraud and illegal fishing.

Status: Introduced 6/29/2017

Pending

DC

[HR 3147](#)

Food Labeling Modernization Act of 2013

Description:

Amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) to deem misbranded any food intended for human consumption, offered for sale, and otherwise required to bear nutrition labeling, unless its principal display panel bears summary nutrition information reflecting the overall nutritional value of the food or specified ingredients, and does not contain any summary nutritional information in addition to or inconsistent with the information required by such Act.

Status: Introduced 9/18/2013; Died in Committee

Failed

DC

[HR 3270](#)

Farm Animal and Research Facilities Protection Act of 1989

Description:

Would prohibit a person, without the consent of the owner from acquiring control over an animal facility, an animal from an animal facility, or other property from an animal facility, with the intent to deprive the owner of such facility, animal, or property and to disrupt or damage the enterprise conducted at the animal facility; damaging or destroying an animal facility or any animal or property in or on an animal facility.

Status: Introduced 9/13/1989; Died in Committee

Failed

DC

[HR 3282](#)

ELD Extension Act of 2017

Description:

Would delay the electronic logging device mandate for livestock haulers set to go into effect in December until next year.

Status: Introduced 07/18/2017

Pending

DC

[HR 3704](#)

Downed Animal and Food Safety Protection Act

Description:

Amends the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act of 1958 to direct the Secretary of Agriculture (USDA) to promulgate regulations providing for the humane treatment, handling, and disposition of nonambulatory livestock by specified entities, including a requirement that nonambulatory livestock be humanely euthanized.

Status: Introduced 12/6/2011; Died in Committee
Failed

DC

[HR 3798](#)

Egg Products Inspection Act Amendments of 2012

Description:

Would provide for a uniform national standard for the housing and treatment of egg-laying hens.

Status: Introduced 1/23/2012; Died in Committee
Failed

DC

[HR 4733](#)

Prevention of Farm Animal Cruelty Act

Description:

Would prohibit a federal agency from purchasing any food product derived from a gestating sow, a calf raised for veal, or an egg-laying hen used or intended for use in food production unless that animal, during the entire period covered by that definition, was provided adequate space to stand up, lie down, turn around freely, and fully extend all limbs.

Status: Introduced 3/2/2010; Died in Committee
Failed

DC

[HR 5](#)

Regulatory Accountability Act

Description:

Would reform the process by which Federal agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents, to clarify the nature of judicial review of agency interpretations, to ensure complete analysis of potential impacts on small entities of rules, and for other purposes.

Status: Passed in House 1/11/2017
Pending

DC

[HR 5542](#)

Farm Protection Act of 2014

Description:

Amends the Agricultural Act of 2014 to require the Secretary of Agriculture (USDA) to extend: (1) the term and any due date of a marketing assistance loan, and (2) the due date for repayment of farm ownership, operating, or emergency loans. Requires the extensions in cases where a farmer has sold, transferred, or delivered the commodity subject to the loan to a purchaser who has filed for bankruptcy prior to payment. Provides that the extensions shall last until after the bankruptcy case is closed or dismissed. Suspends the accrual of interest on the loans during the extension period.

Status: Introduced 9/18/2015; Died in Committee

Failed

DC

[HR 6342](#)

Traveling Exotic Animal and Public Safety Protection Act

Description:

Would amend the Animal Welfare Act to restrict the use of exotic and wild animals in traveling performances.

Status: Introduced 11/7/2016; Died in Committee

Failed

DC

[HR 687](#)

Protect Interstate Commerce Act

Description:

Would prohibit a state or local government from imposing a standard or condition on the production or manufacture of agricultural products sold or offered for sale in interstate commerce if: (1) the production or manufacture occurs in another state, and (2) the standard or condition adds to standards or conditions applicable under federal law and the laws of the state or locality in which the production or manufacture occurs.

Status: Introduced 2/3/2015; Died in Committee

Failed

DC

[HR 746](#)

AWARE Act

Description:

This bill amends the Animal Welfare Act to apply standards for humane treatment to farm animals at federal research or laboratory animal facilities.

Status: Introduced 2/4/2015; Died in Committee

Failed

DC

[HR 816](#)

Federal Accountability in Chemical Testing (FACT) Act

Description:

Would amend the ICCVAM Authorization Act of 2000 to require reporting of animal use data by species, number, and test type for toxicological testing conducted, supported, or required by, or submitted to, each Federal agency listed. Federal agencies include Department of Agriculture and any other agency that develops, or employs tests or test data using animals, or regulates on the basis of the use of animals in toxicity testing.

Status: Introduced 2/2/2017

Pending

DC

[HR 820](#)

Delivering Antimicrobial Transparency in Animals Act of 2013

Description:

Requires live poultry dealers, swine contractors, or feed lot operators who purchase, contract, or manufacture animal feed in final formulation bearing or containing a new animal drug with an antimicrobial active ingredient to report annually to the Secretary information about such ingredient by food-producing animal for which the new animal drug is approved and, if applicable, by production class of the animal.

Status: Introduced 2/26/2013; Died in Committee

Failed

DC

[HR 861](#)

Description:

Would terminate the Environmental Protection Agency on 12/31/2018.

Status: Introduced 2/3/2017

Pending

DC

[HR 965](#)

Preservation of Antibiotics for Medical Treatment Act of 2011

Description:

Amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to deny an application for a new animal drug that is a critical antimicrobial animal drug unless the applicant demonstrates that there is a reasonable certainty of no harm to human health due to the

development of antimicrobial resistance attributable to the nontherapeutic use of the drug.

Status: Introduced 3/9/2011; Died in Committee

Failed

DC

[S 1343](#)

Farmer Identity Protection Act

Description:

Prohibits the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), or any EPA contractor or cooperator, from disclosing the information of any owner, operator, or employee of a livestock operation provided to EPA by a livestock producer or a state agency in accordance with the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (commonly known as the Clean Water Act) or any other law, including: (1) names; (2) telephone numbers; (3) e-mail addresses; (4) physical addresses; (5) global positioning system coordinates; or (6) other information regarding the location of the owner, operator, livestock, or employee.

Status: Introduced 7/23/2013; Died in Committee

Failed

DC

[S 2421](#)

Food for Peace Reform Act of 2014

Description:

Would establish the Food for Peace program in the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

Status: Introduced 6/3/2014; Died in Committee

Failed

DC

[S 629](#)

Preventing Antibiotic Resistance Act of 2017

Description:

Would amend the Federal Food, Drugs, and Cosmetic Act to ensure the safety and effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials approved for use in the prevention, control, and treatment of animal diseases, in order to minimize the development of antibiotic-resistant bacteria.

Status: Introduced 3/14/2017

Pending

DC

[S. 503](#)

Animal Welfare Accountability and Transparency Act

Description:

This bill would require the U.S. Department of Agriculture to publish reports of enforcement actions taken under the Animal Welfare Act and Horse Protection Act.

Status: Introduced March 2, 2017.

Pending

DC

[SB 1272](#)

Drone Federalism Act of 2017

Description:

Would preserve the authority of state, tribal, and local governments to issue reasonable restrictions on the time, manner, and place of drone operations within 200 feet of the ground or a structure. These could include speed limits, local no-fly zones, temporary restrictions, and prohibitions on reckless or drunk operators, for example. The bill also reaffirms that the federal government will respect private property rights to the airspace in the immediate reaches above a property, including at least the first 200 feet.

Status: Introduced 5/25/2017

Pending

DC

[SB 287](#)

Safe Food Act of 2015

Description:

This bill establishes the Food Safety Administration (FSA) as an independent agency to administer and enforce food safety laws.

Status: Introduced 1/28/2015; Died in Committee

Failed

DC

[SB 511](#)

Genetically Engineered Food Right-to-Know Act

Description:

This bill amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to prohibit the sale of food that has been genetically engineered or contains genetically engineered ingredients, unless that information is clearly disclosed.

Status: Introduced 2/12/2015; Died in Committee

Failed

DC

[SB 544](#)

Animal Enterprise Protection Act of 1992

Description:

Would prohibit a person from intentionally physically disrupting the functioning of an animal enterprise by intentionally stealing, damaging, or causing the loss of enterprise property, including animals and records (or conspiring to do so).

Status: Became public law 8/26/1992

Passed

Pass Date: 8/4/1992

DC

[SB 621](#)

Preventing Antibiotic Resistance Act of 2015

Description:

This bill amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require the Food and Drug Administration to refuse a new animal drug application if the drug is a medically important antimicrobial (used to treat humans) and the applicant fails to demonstrate that the drug meets specified criteria for use in animals.

Status: Introduced 3/2/2015; Died in Committee

Failed

DC

[TPP](#)

Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement

Description:

The Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement was concluded on Oct. 5, 2015. The goal of the negotiations was to reach a comprehensive, high-standard agreement that will improve the conditions of trade in the region and boost economic activity in all participating countries.

Status: President signed an executive order 1/23/2017

Passed

DE

[HB 338](#)

Relating To Raw Milk

Description:

Would legalize the sale of unpasteurized, raw milk directly to a final consumer, so long as the final consumer enters into a written contract conveying an ownership interest in the animal or herd from which the raw milk is produced.

Status: Introduced 5/14/2014; Died in Committee

Failed

DE

[SCR 44](#)

Establishing An Animal Welfare Task Force

Description:

Would establish an Animal Welfare Task Force to consider and evaluate the state of animal welfare in Delaware, including the resources devoted to animal welfare services and whether consolidation, collaboration, or reorganization can lead to more effective use of limited resources.

Status: Engrossed 6/19/2012; Died in Chamber

Failed

FL

[Amend. 10](#)

HSUS Ballot Initiative: Gestating Sows

Description:

Would prohibit a person from confining a gestating sow in an enclosure in a manner that prevents the animal from turning around freely. Ballot passed with 55 percent of the vote on 11/5/2002.

Status: Effective 11/5/2008

Passed

Pass Date: 11/5/2002

FL

[HB 765](#)

Ivonne Rodriguez and Victoria McCullough Horse Protection Act

Description:

It would be unlawful to knowingly transport, distribute, sell, purchase, or possess horsemeat for human consumption which is not clearly stamped, marked, and described as horsemeat for human consumption or horsemeat that is not acquired from a licensed slaughterhouse.

Passed

Pass Date: 5/4/2010

FL

[SB 1246](#)

Description:

Would prohibit a person from entering onto a farm and making any audio record, photograph, or video record at the farm without the owner's written consent.

Status: Engrossed 5/6/2011; Died in Chamber

Failed

FL

[SB 1728](#)

Genetically Engineered Foods

Description:

Would require foods produced with genetic engineering to be labeled by January 1, 2014 and would require the Department of Agriculture to compile and publish a list of raw agricultural commodities that are cultivated commercially in genetically engineered form.

Status: 5/3/2013

Failed

FL

[SB 416](#)

Labeling of Genetically Engineered Foods

Description:

Beginning January 1, 2017, would require any package offered for retail sale containing processed food that is made with or derived from any genetically engineered ingredient or that is procuded from a source that contains recombinant bovine growth hormone to be labeled as "contains genetically engineered ingredients."

Status: Failed 5/1/2015

Failed

FL

[SB 558](#)

Genetically Engineered Food

Description:

Would require foods produced with genetic engineering to be labeled by January 1, 2016 and would require the Department of Agriculture to compile and publish a list of raw agricultural commodities that are cultivated commercially in genetically engineered form.

Status: Failed 5/2/2014

Failed

GA

[HB 529](#)

Description:

Would prohibit any county, municipality, consolidated government, or other political subdivision in the state to adopt or enforce any ordinance, rule, regulation, or resolution regulating crop management or animal husbandry practices.

Passed

Pass Date: 5/1/2009

GA

[HB 692](#)

Description:

Would prohibit transport of any animal in the bed of a truck without a minimum of 46" tall rails, unless animal is cross-tethered or enclosed. Exempts the transportation of livestock.

Status: Introduced 3/9/2009; Died in Committee

Failed

HI

[HB 1170](#)

Description:

Would criminalize the consumption of or trafficking in dog, cat or equine animal meat for the purpose of human consumption.

Status: Introduced 1/26/2011; Died in Chamber

Failed

HI

[HB 174](#)

Genetically Engineered Organisms

Description:

Would require food produced with genetic engineering to be labeled.

Status: Engrossed 3/5/2013; Died in Chamber

Failed

HI

[HB 505](#)

Description:

Would establish an Agricultural Development and Food Security Program. Establishes state planning objectives to increase demand and access to locally grown foods.

Status: Introduced 1/26/2015; Died in Chamber

Failed

HI

[HB 686](#)

Genetically Engineered Fish

Description:

Would prohibit propagating, cultivating, or farming genetically engineered fish in state marine waters.

Status: Introduced 1/26/2015; Died in Committee

Failed

HI

[HB 687](#)

Description:

Would authorize counties to regulate genetically engineered organisms and pesticide use to the extent that the regulations are more stringent than state or federal laws.

Status: Introduced 1/26/2015; Died in Committee

Failed

HI

[HB 77](#)

Foie Gras; Prohibition

Description:

Would make it unlawful for any person to possess, sell, offer for sale, trade, or distribute foie gras.

Status: Introduced 1/20/2011; Died in Chamber

Failed

HI

[HB 823](#)

Agricultural Theft Pilot Project

Description:

Would establish a two-year Agricultural Theft Pilot Project in the Department of Agriculture to focus on investigating and prosecuting agricultural theft or agricultural vandalism in the County of Hawaii.

Status: Enrolled 4/14/2015; Died in Chamber

Failed

HI

[SB 1199](#)

Agricultural Theft Pilot Project

Description:

Would establish a two-year agricultural theft pilot project to investigate the effectiveness of a dedicated enforcement officer focused specifically on prosecuting agricultural theft and agricultural vandalism in the county of Hawaii.

Status: Introduced 1/28/2015; Died in Committee
Failed

HI

[SB 131](#)

Genetically Engineered Material

Description:

Would require food produced with genetic engineering to be labeled by January 1, 2016.

Status: Introduced 1/22/2015; Died in Chamber
Failed

HI

[SB 1321](#)

Genetically Engineered Food; Labeling

Description:

Would require all genetically engineered food to be labeled with a disclosure stating that it is "Produced with Genetic Engineering."

Status: Introduced 1/29/2015; Died in Committee
Failed

HI

[SB 2137](#)

On-farm Mentoring

Description:

Would establish an on-farm mentoring program to teach and train farmers to utilize a whole farm system approach to agriculture. Makes an appropriation to the department of agriculture to support existing on-farm mentoring programs and for a pilot on-farm mentoring program in Maui.

Status: Engrossed 3/8/2016; Died in Committee
Failed

HI

[SB 593](#)

Description:

Would expand livestock feed subsidies to include milking goats, goats raised for meat, sheep, lambs, fish, and crustaceans.

Passed

Pass Date: 7/2/2013

HI

[SB 699](#)

Aircraft; Transfer of Animals

Description:

Would establish food, water, cargo hold temperature, cargo transfer, and certification requirements for air transport of live animals.

Status: Introduced 1/18/2013; Died in Committee

Failed

HI

[SB 757](#)

Future Farmers of America Program

Description:

Would appropriate funds to the Department of Education to operate and implement the Future Farmers of America program.

Passed

Pass Date: 7/2/2013

HI

[SB 874](#)

Genetically Engineered Seeds and Plant Parts

Description:

Would prohibit the planting of a genetically engineered seed or plant part in an open field. Allows the chairperson of the board of agriculture to grant an exception where such planting is done in a controlled environment.

Status: Introduced 1/23/2015; Died in Committee

Failed

HI

[SB 985](#)

Right to Farm

Description:

Guarantees the rights of farmers and ranchers to engage in farming and ranching practices.

Status: Introduced 1/28/2015; Died in Committee

Failed

IA

[HB 456](#)

Description:

Authorizes counties to adopt county legislation relating to the siting of confinement feeding operations.

Status: Introduced 2/28/2017

Pending

IA

[HB 468](#)

Description:

Provides for certain court actions regarding allegations of a public or private nuisance or the interference with a person's comfortable use and enjoyment of life or property caused by an animal feeding operation, providing for the award of damages, costs, and expenses, and including effective date provisions.

Status: Introduced 2/28/2017

Pending

IA

[HF 28](#)

Siting of confinement feeding operations

Description:

Would allow counties to adopt legislation relating to the siting of confinement feeding operations so the county may approve or disapprove the location of any construction, including expansion of a confinement feeding operation within the county.

Status: Introduced 1/12/2011; Died in Committee

Failed

IA

[HF 589](#)

Agricultural Production Facility Fraud

Description:

Would make it a crime for any person to obtain access to an agricultural production facility under false pretenses; and to make a false statement or representation as part of an application to be employed at an agricultural production facility, if the person knows the statement is false, and makes the statement with the intent to commit an act not authorized by the owner of the agricultural facility, knowing that the act is not authorized.

Passed

Pass Date: 3/2/2012

IA

[SF 194](#)

Consumer Labeling Information for Food Act

Description:

Would require food produced with genetic engineering to be labeled.

Status: Introduced 2/13/2013; Died in Committee

Failed

IA

[SF 2172](#)

Relating to management of swine

Description:

A bill for an act relating to management of swine, including by providing for biosecurity and development in a farrowing and gestating operation which is part of a confinement feeding operation.

Passed

Pass Date: 3/20/2012

IA

[SF 431](#)

Animal Facility Interference and Fraud

Description:

Would prohibit a person from producing a record which reproduces an image or sound occurring at the animal facility. Would prohibit a person from obtaining access to the animal facility by false pretenses.

Status: Introduced 3/7/2011; Died in Chamber

Failed

IA

[SF 447](#)

The Responsible Farm Protection Bill

Description:

Would establish a new section in Iowa Code to provide nuisance protection to responsible livestock farmers. The nuisance protection would apply to both confinement feeding operations and open feedlot operations. To qualify for the nuisance protection, a livestock farmer must comply with state and federal law and use existing prudent and generally utilized management practices reasonable for the operation.

Passed

Pass Date: 3/29/2017

ID

[HB 113](#)

Idaho Agritourism Promotion Act

Description:

Would make an agritourism professional not liable for injury or death of a participant resulting from the inherent risks of agritourism activities, as long as a warning sign is placed in a clearly visible location at the entrance to the agritourism location and at the site of the agritourism activity.

Status: Effective 7/1/2013

Passed

Pass Date: 3/29/2013

ID

[HB 210](#)

Description:

Would deem that no agricultural operation, agricultural facility or expansion thereof shall be or become a nuisance, private or public, by any changed conditions in or about the surrounding nonagricultural activities after it has been in operation for more than one year, when the operation, facility or expansion was not a nuisance at the time it began or was constructed.

Passed

Pass Date: 4/6/2011

ID

[HB 270](#)

Description:

Requires that the Idaho State Department of Agriculture notify the public and Legislature when proposing a rule that is more stringent or broader in scope than federal law or regulation or when proposing to regulate an activity not regulated by the federal government.

Passed

Pass Date: 4/6/2011

ID

[HB 64](#)

Description:

Would amend to include fish and other aquatic animals as production animals if they are owned for the express purpose of producing food or fiber.

Status: Introduced 1/28/2013; Died in Chamber

Failed

ID

[SB 1144](#)

Description:

Clarifies the role of local law enforcement agencies and the Idaho State Department of Agriculture in responding to animal care complaints by specifying that the department is responsible for production animals while local law enforcement be responsible for companion animals.

Passed

Pass Date: 4/11/2011

ID

[SB 1260](#)

Description:

Would allow the director of the department of agriculture through the division of animal industries to regulate beef cattle animal feeding operations to protect state natural resources, including surface water and ground water.

Passed

Pass Date: 3/22/2016

ID

[SB 1316](#)

Description:

Would amend existing law relating to animals to provide that specified law shall not be construed as interfering with or allowing interference with the humane slaughter of equines and normal or accepted practices of animal identification and animal husbandry as established by, but not limited to, guidelines developed and approved by the appropriate national or state commodity organizations.

Passed

Pass Date: 3/18/2010

ID

[SB 1331](#)

Idaho Livestock Care Standards Board

Description:

Would add to existing law to provide for the Idaho Livestock Care Standards Board to establish standards governing the care and well-being of livestock and poultry in the state.

Status: Engrossed 3/1/2010; Died in Chamber

Failed

ID

[SB 1337](#)

Interference with Agricultural Production

Description:

Would make a person guilty of interference with agricultural production if the person:

1. Is not employed by the facility and enters by force, threat, misrepresentation or trespass.
2. Obtains employment by force, threat or misrepresentation with the intent to cause economic or other injury to the facility's operations, livestock, crops, personnel, equipment, buildings or premises.
3. Enters without the consent of the owner and makes audio or video recordings.
4. Intentionally causes physical damage or injury to the agricultural production facility's operations, livestock, crops, personnel, equipment, buildings or premises.

Passed 2/24/2014, but then ruled unconstitutional.

Status: Judge ruled unconstitutional 8/3/2015

Failed

IL

[HB 133](#)

Labeling Seafood

Description:

Would require that fresh and frozen fish be labeled with the species of fish, whether it is farm raised or wild caught, whether it was caught domestically or imported, and the country of origin.

Status: Introduced 1/14/2015; Died in Committee

Failed

IL

[HB 1697](#)

Bovine Tail Docking

Description:

Would prohibit the tail docking of any bovine.

Status: Failed 1/8/2013

Failed

IL

[HB 3085](#)

Mandatory Labeling of Genetically Modified Foods Act

Description:

Would require foods produced with genetic engineering to be labeled.

Status: Failed 12/3/2014

Failed

IL

[HB 5143](#)

Amends the Animal Research and Production Facilities Protection Act

Description:

Would create the offense of animal facility interference for creating or possessing, without the consent of the owner, a visual or sound recording made at the animal facility, which reproduces a visual or audio experience occurring at the facility.

Status: Introduced 2/8/2012; Died in Chamber

Failed

IL

[HB 583](#)

Amends the Illinois Horse Meat Act

Description:

Would repeal a provision that prohibits the slaughter of horses for human consumption.

Status: Introduced 2/5/2009; Died in Committee

Failed

IL

[SB 1337](#)

Amends the Humane Care for Animals Act

Description:

Would prohibit a person from confining any a gestating pig, veal calf or egg-laying hen, on a farm, for all or the majority of any day, in a manner that prevents the animal from lying down, standing up, and fully extending its limbs or turning around freely.

Status: Introduced 2/10/2009; Died in Committee

Failed

IL

[SB 139](#)

Description:

Would provide that unless performed by a licensed veterinarian for a medical reason, tail docking and ear cropping constitutes “animal torture”.

Status: Introduced 1/30/2009; Died in Committee

Failed

IL

[SB 1470](#)

Amends the Meat and Poultry Inspection Act

Description:

Would provide that any establishment subject to inspection under the Act that believes, or has reason to believe, that an adulterated or misbranded meat or meat food product received by or originating from the establishment has entered into commerce shall promptly notify the Director of Agriculture.

Passed

Pass Date: 12/27/2013

IL

[SB 1532](#)

Amends the Humane Care for Animals Act

Description:

Would provide that if the Department of Agriculture determines that a complaint made under the Act against a person or entity is false or unfounded and made with the intent to harass the person or entity, the Department may waive any confidentiality of the complainant and refer the matter to the State's Attorney for consideration of criminal charges against the complainant.

Status: Failed 1/13/2015

Failed

IL

[SB 1666](#)

Genetically Engineered Food Labeling Act

Description:

Would create the Genetically Engineered Food Labeling Act that would require food produced with genetic engineering to be labeled.

Status: Failed 1/13/2015

Failed

IL

[SB 3604](#)

Advisory Board of Livestock

Description:

Would establish an Advisory Board of Livestock Commissioners with 25 people who are interested in the well-being of domestic animals and poultry and in the prevention, elimination and control of diseases affecting them.

Passed

Pass Date: 7/12/2010

IL

[SB 734](#)

Genetically Engineered Food Labeling Act

Description:

Would create the Genetically Engineered Food Labeling Act that would require food produced with genetic engineering to be labeled.

Status: Introduced 2/3/2015; Died in Committee

Failed

IN

[HB 1091](#)

Description:

Provides that if a court finds that the prosecution or defense of a nuisance action brought against an agricultural operation was frivolous, the court shall award court costs and reasonable attorney's fees to the prevailing party.

Passed

Pass Date: 3/15/2012

IN

[HB 1099](#)

Standards for livestock and poultry care

Description:

Would allow the board of animal health to assist organizations that represent poultry producers with issues related to poultry and allow the board to adopt rules to establish standards governing the care of livestock and poultry.

Passed

Pass Date: 3/25/2010

IN

[HB 1196](#)

Genetically engineered food

Description:

Would require food produced with genetic engineering be labeled by July 1, 2014.

Status: Introduced 1/10/2013; Died in Committee

Failed

IN

[HB 1200](#)

Description:

Would prohibit the impairment of traditional or modern farming and livestock production practices.

Status: Introduced 1/14/2014; Died in Committee

Failed

IN

[HB 1404](#)

Confined feeding financial ability requirements

Description:

Would prohibit, after December 31, 2014, a person from starting the construction of a concentrated animal feeding operation or an expansion of a CAFO that would increase animal capacity or manure containment capacity without obtaining the prior approval of the department of environmental management.

Status: Introduced 1/16/2014; Died in Committee

Failed

IN

[HB 1460](#)

Genetically engineered food

Description:

Would require food produced with genetic engineering to be labeled by July 1, 2016.

Status: Introduced 1/14/2015; Died in Committee

Failed

IN

[HB 1494](#)

Description:

Replaces the current prohibition against starting construction or expansion of a confined feeding operation without the prior approval of the department of environmental management (IDEM).

Status: Engrossed 2/28/2017

Pending

IN

[HJR 5](#)

Right to ranch and farm

Description:

Guarantees the right of Indiana citizens to engage in traditional and modern farming and ranching practices. Provides that no law shall be enacted that abridges the right of Indiana citizens to employ traditional or modern agricultural technology, animal production, or ranching practices.

Status: Introduced 1/10/2013; Died in Committee
Failed

IN

[SB 101](#)

Agricultural operations and trespass

Description:

Adds causing property damage to an agricultural operation to the existing crime of institutional criminal mischief. Provides that a person commits criminal trespass if, without the owner's permission, the person enters: (1) that portion of an agricultural operation that is used for production; or (2) any part of the real property of an agricultural operation and causes property damage.

Passed

Pass Date: 3/14/2014

IN

[SB 184](#)

Unlawful recording of agricultural operations

Description:

Would make it unlawful for a person to (1) enter real property that is owned by another person and on which agricultural operations are being conducted; and (2) take a photograph of or make a video recording or motion picture of the real property, structures located on the real property, or the agricultural operations being conducted on the real property; without the written consent of the owner of the real property or an authorized representative of the owner.

Status: Introduced 1/4/2012; Died in Committee
Failed

IN

[SB 373](#)

Criminal trespass and application fraud

Description:

Would prohibit a person from knowingly or intentionally submitting an application to a prospective employer to secure employment and making a false statement about a material fact or concealing a material fact in the application in order to secure employment.

Status: Enrolled 4/15/2013; Died in Chamber
Failed

IN

[SB 391](#)

Crimes concerning agriculture and livestock

Description:

Would prohibit a person from entering real property that is owned by another person and on which agricultural operations are being conducted; and take a photograph of or make a video recording or motion picture of the real property, structures located on the real property, or the agricultural operations being conducted on the real property; without the written consent of the owner of the real property or an authorized representative of the owner. Requires the board of animal health to establish a registry of persons convicted of crimes concerning agricultural operations and livestock.

Status: Introduced 1/10/2013; Died in Committee

Failed

KS

[47-1825](#)

Farm Animal and Field Crop and Research Facilities Protection Act

Description:

Under the act, no person shall, without the effective consent of the owner and with the intent to damage the enterprise conducted at the animal facility, damage or destroy an animal facility or any animal or property in or on an animal facility. A person is also prohibited from exercising control over an animal or property. The act makes it illegal for a person to enter an animal facility that is not open to the public to take pictures or video.

Passed

Pass Date: 1991

KY

[HB 277](#)

Animal Care Advisory Board

Description:

Would change the name of the Animal Control Advisory Board to the Animal Care Advisory Board and authorize the board to establish standards for the humane care of animals in publicly funded animal shelters and make policy recommendations on animal welfare and upgrade of animal shelters to the General Assembly.

Status: Introduced 2/1/2011; Died in Committee

Failed

KY

[HB 347](#)

An act relating to veterinarians

Description:

Would provide that veterinarians who report suspected animal cruelty cases are not in violation of client/patient confidentiality requirements.

Status: Introduced 2/4/2011; Died in Committee

Failed

KY

[HB 364](#)

Description:

Would prohibit animal shelters from conducting euthanasia by gas chamber.

Status: Introduced 2/13/2013; Died in Committee

Failed

KY

[HB 398](#)

Description:

Would establish the Kentucky Equine Health and Welfare Board.

Passed

Pass Date: 4/12/2010

LA

[HB 633](#)

Preventing the spread of disease

Description:

Would prohibit for anyone to knowingly bring into the state or to transport through this state or to move within this state any adulterated meat or diseased livestock or animals without the express written approval of the commissioner of agriculture and forestry.

Passed

Pass Date: 6/5/2013

LA

[HB 761](#)

Urban agriculture incentive zone

Description:

Would establish an urban agriculture incentive zone.

Status: Effective 8/1/2015

Passed

Pass Date: 7/1/2015

LA

[HB 828](#)

Description:

Would require any food containing the product of a cloned animal to be labeled as such.

Status: Introduced 3/10/2014; Died in Committee

Failed

LA

[SB 178](#)

Provides relative to meat and poultry inspection

Description:

Would not require inspection of the slaughter of animals and the preparation of carcasses, meat and meat food products if the products are sold and transported directly to the consumer by the retail store, restaurant, or similar retail type establishment's employees or a common carrier, provided there is no intervening transfer or storage.

Status: Effective 6/29/2015

Passed

Pass Date: 6/29/2015

LA

[SB 238](#)

Provides relative to the sale of raw milk by a farmer to a consumer

Description:

Would authorize sale of raw milk for human consumption and require a label that states "Raw Milk: This product is fresh whole milk that has NOT been pasteurized." Would also require information describing the standards used by the farm or dairy with respect to the production of raw goat milk or whole milk to be provided to the consumer by the farmer, together with the results of tests performed on the milk and the animals that produced the milk, and an explanation of the tests and test results.

Status: Introduced 4/3/2015; Died in Committee

Failed

LA

[SB 36](#)

Louisiana Board of Animal Health

Description:

Would allow the Louisiana Board of Animal Health to adopt rules and regulations establishing standards governing the care and well-being of bovine, equine, ovine, caprine, porcine and poultry and to prohibit local

ordinances, laws, subdivision restrictions or regulations establishing standards applicable to the care and well-being of such animals.

Passed

Pass Date: 6/8/2010

MA

[HB 2037](#)

To establish guidelines for genetically engineered food

Description:

Would require food produced with genetic engineering sold in the state to be labeled.

Status: Introduced 1/22/2013; Died in Committee

Failed

MA

[HB 441](#)

To promote the care and well-being of livestock

Description:

Would establish a Livestock Care and Standards Board to advise the Commissioner of Agriculture on appropriate actions to be taken to help ensure the humane keeping and treatment of livestock, and the viability of farms and related businesses involved in the rearing and keeping of livestock.

Status: Introduced 1/23/2017

Pending

MA

[HB 753](#)

Description:

Would establish a livestock care and standards board to advise the Commissioner of Agriculture on appropriate actions to be taken by the Commissioner to help ensure the humane keeping and treatment of livestock, and the viability of farms and related businesses involved in the rearing and keeping of livestock.

Status: Introduced 1/23/2013; Died in Chamber

Failed

MA

[Q3](#)

HSUS Ballot Initiative

Description:

The initiative, backed by the Humane Society of the United States, would require Massachusetts' farms and businesses to produce and sell only eggs from cage-free hens, pork from pigs not raised in or born of a sow

raised in conventional housing, and would also apply to veal housing.

Passed

Pass Date: 11/8/2016

MA

[SB 2232](#)

Description:

Would prohibit the confinement of a gestating sow or veal calf in an enclosure in a manner that prevents the animal from turning around freely, lying down, standing up and fully extending its limbs.

Status: Introduced 6/30/2014; Died in Chamber

Failed

MA

[SB 786](#)

Description:

Would prohibit the confinement of a gestating sow, veal calf or egg-laying hen in an enclosure in a manner that prevents the animal from turning around freely, lying down, standing up and fully extending its limbs.

Status: Introduced 1/24/2011; Died in Committee

Failed

MD

[HB 1075](#)

Agriculture - Antibiotic Drug Usage - Food-Producing Animals

Description:

Would prohibit administration of an antibiotic to a food-producing animal under specified circumstances; requiring the State Department of Agriculture to establish by regulation a certain program; requiring the regulations adopted by the Department to include certain provisions; defining a certain term; and generally relating to antibiotic drug usage in food-producing animals.

Status: Introduced 2/13/2015; Died in Chamber

Failed

MD

[HB 599](#)

Poultry Litter Management Act

Description:

Would require a specified integrator to place poultry only at a contract operation that maintains a specified nutrient management plan that the contract grower represents has been fully implemented.

Status: Introduced 2/3/2016; Died in Committee

Failed

MD

[HB 903](#)

Genetically Engineered Food - Disclosure and Labeling Requirements

Description:

Would establish that specified foods offered for retail sale in the State produced with genetic engineering are misbranded if specified disclosure or labeling requirements are not met.

Status: Introduced 2/7/2013; Died in Chamber

Failed

MD

[SB 142](#)

Secretary of Agriculture - Farm Food Safety

Description:

Would authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a farm quarantine for a specified purpose on a farm infected or infested with a pathogen.

Passed

Pass Date: 4/10/2012

MD

[SB 254](#)

Maryland Livestock and Poultry Care Advisory Board

Description:

Would establish the Maryland Livestock and Poultry Care Advisory Board. The Board would compile and review science-based standards that have been adopted by the agricultural industry, develop and maintain standards for educational purposes to aid producers and local animal welfare officers and to make recommendations to the secretary of agriculture for publication and dissemination of generally accepted standards that consider agricultural best management practices for animal care and well-being, herd health and safe, affordable healthy food supplies for consumers.

Status: Introduced 1/28/2011; Died in Chamber

Failed

MD

[SB 422](#)

Keep Antibiotics Effective Act of 2017

Description:

Will prohibit farmers and ranchers from giving antibiotics to their livestock or poultry without an antimicrobial prescription or a VFD issued by a veterinarian (which is already required under the FDA

guidance 213 and the Veterinary Feed Directive) and require the farmer to submit a copy of the prescription or VFD to the State Department of Agriculture.

Passed

Pass Date: 5/27/2017

MD

[SB 521](#)

Agriculture - Meat and Poultry - Antibiotic Use - Labeling

Description:

Would require specified meat and poultry derived from animals that are raised, processed, and sold in the State to bear a label identifying each antibiotic that was fed or administered to the animal while being raised in the State.

Status: Introduced 1/31/2013; Died in Chamber

Failed

MD

[SB 607](#)

Agriculture - Cattle, Swine, and Poultry - Use of Antimicrobial Drugs

Description:

Prohibiting a specified owner of cattle, swine, or poultry from administering or authorizing an agent to administer specified antimicrobial drugs in specified cattle, swine, and poultry without a prescription or veterinary feed directive issued by a licensed veterinarian in accordance with specified conditions.

Status: Introduced 2/5/2016; Died in Committee

Failed

MD

[SB 725](#)

Chesapeake Bay - Nutrient Management - Poultry Fair Share Act

Description:

Would establish a specified chicken manure pollution fee payable to the Comptroller by the poultry integrator.

Status: Introduced 1/31/2014; Died in Committee

Failed

MD

[SB 761](#)

Farmers' Rights Act

Description:

Would require a production contract to include a clear written statement of setting forth the nature of the material risks faced by a producer if the producer enters into the contract.

Status: Introduced 2/5/2016; Died in Committee
Failed

ME

[LD 1446](#)

Confidentiality of Information in the Animal Welfare Laws

Description:

This bill provides that the names of and identifying information about persons who have contracted with or been hired by an entity for the purpose of filming or recording business operations of another entity to provide information pertaining to criminal or civil cruelty to animals to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may be made public.

Status: Failed 6/7/2017
Failed

ME

[LD 245](#)

Description:

This bill repeals the provisions of law that establish an affirmative defense for certain violations under the animal welfare laws that the animal is kept as part of an agricultural operation and in compliance with best management practices for animal husbandry as determined by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

Status: Failed 4/25/2017
Failed

ME

[LD 97](#)

Description:

Would provide that the Legislature may not make a change to a measure initiated and approved by vote of the people for 8 years after that measure takes effect if that change is contrary to the general intent of that measure. Supported by HSUS.

Status: Failed 3/30/2011
Failed

ME

[LD 991](#)

Amend Maine's Genetically Modified Food Products Labeling Law

Description:

It extends by 4 years, from 2018 to 2022, the date before which 5 contiguous states, including Maine, have to adopt mandatory labeling of genetically engineered food in order for Maine's law to go into effect. If that contingency is not met, Maine's law is repealed.

Status: Failed 4/29/2015

Failed

MI

[HB 5128](#)

Animal Industry Act

Description:

Would create an animal care advisory council within the Michigan Department of Agriculture to review the on-farm certification program for animal care standards based on sound scientific principles, consider and change species-specific science-based animal care standards and implementation guidelines that consider changes or developments in the existing national standards and develop a process for the certification of third-party auditors by the department.

Status: Introduced 6/23/2009; Died in Chamber

Failed

MN

[HF 1593](#)

Description:

Would provide that chickens or other poultry or pigs that have been fed with feed containing roxarsone or any other additive that contains arsenic must not be sold or purchased live or in processed form in Minnesota for any use including sale in retail stores and use in restaurants or fast food establishments.

Status: Introduced 4/27/2011; Died in Committee

Failed

MN

[HF 2295](#)

Appropriating money for avian influenza payments

Description:

Would provide that \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2015 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of agriculture for grants to the primary owner of each commercial poultry production premises where birds were depopulated after the United States Department of Agriculture confirmed the presence of highly pathogenic avian influenza.

Status: Introduced 5/4/2015; Died in Committee

Failed

MN

[SF 1118](#)

Description:

Would make a person guilty of animal facility interference if the person records video or sound at the facility and would make a person guilty of animal facility fraud if the person obtains access to the facility under false pretenses.

Status: Introduced 4/7/2011; Died in Committee
Failed

MN

[SF 1357](#)

Description:

Would prohibit euthanasia of pet and companion animals with nonanesthetic gas. Although companion animal focused, could set a precedent for animal agriculture.

Status: Introduced 2/23/2017
Pending

MN

[SF 3212](#)

Prohibition on use of medically important antibiotics in animal feed

Description:

After January 1, 2011, a person may not sell, buy, or use animal feed for a nontherapeutic use that contains medically important antibiotics used in human medicine.

Status: Introduced 3/11/2010; Died in Chamber
Failed

MN

[SF 335 / HF 351](#)

Genetically engineered food labeling regulations

Description:

Would require foods produced with genetic engineering be labeled.

Status: Introduced 1/26/2015; Died in Committee
Failed

MN

[SF 821](#)

Description:

Would require foods produced with genetic engineering be labeled.

Status: Introduced 2/28/2013; Died in Committee
Failed

MN

[SF 901](#)

Farmer-Neighbor Mediation Act

Description:

Modifying the nuisance liability protection for certain agricultural operations, establishing the farmer-neighbor mediation program, requiring mediation for certain disputes with farming operations before it is brought to court.

Status: Introduced 2/13/2017

Pending

MO

[HB 1204](#)

Preserving Freedom from Unwarranted Surveillance Act

Description:

No person, entity, or state agency shall use a drone or other unmanned aircraft to conduct surveillance or observation of any individual, property owned by an individual, farm, or agricultural industry without the consent of that individual, property owner, farm, or agricultural industry except to the extent authorized in a warrant.

Status: Engrossed 3/24/2014; Died in Chamber

Failed

MO

[HB 2088](#)

Farm-to-School Act

Description:

Would connect Missouri schools and farmers in order to provide locally grown food to schools.

Status: Introduced 3/5/2015; Died in Committee

Failed

MO

[HB 2604](#)

Description:

Prohibits animal rights charitable organizations from soliciting contributions intended for use outside the state or for political purposes.

Status: Introduced 2/22/2016; Died in Committee

Failed

MO

[HJR 11](#)

Description:

Proposes a constitutional amendment affirming the right of farmers and ranchers to engage in modern farming and ranching practices.

Status: Enrolled 5/14/2013; Died in Committee

Failed

MO

[Right to Farm Ballot](#)

Right to Farm

Description:

Would guarantee the rights of Missourians to engage in farming and ranching practices. The ballot passed with 50 percent of the vote.

Passed

Pass Date: 8/5/2014

MO

[SB 139](#)

Missouri Dairy Revitalization Act of 2015

Description:

Would establish the Missouri Dairy Revitalization Act of 2015 to enhance and improve Missouri's dairy and dairy processing industries.

Status: Introduced 1/7/2015; Died in Committee

Failed

MO

[SB 533](#)

Description:

Would require all genetically modified meat and fish raised and sold in Missouri to be labeled as genetically modified.

Status: Introduced 1/8/2014; Died in Committee

Failed

MO

SB 695

Description:

Under the act, employees of animal agricultural operations who videotape what they suspect is animal abuse must provide the recording to a law enforcement agency within 24 hours and any such recordings must not be edited in any way.

Status: Effective 8/28/2012

Passed

MT

81-30-1

Farm Animal and Research Facility Protection Act

Description:

Would prohibit a person who does not have the effective consent of the owner from entering an animal facility to take pictures by photograph, video camera, or other means with the intent to commit criminal defamation.

Passed

Pass Date: 1991

MT

HB 439

Require recording of board of livestock meetings

Description:

Would require the Board of Livestock to audio record and may video record all board meetings and the board shall make the audio or video recording available online in real time when possible and shall make meeting recordings publicly available on the board's website within 2 business days of the meeting date.

Passed

Pass Date: 4/15/2015

MT

SB 285

Generally revise laws relating to reporting of animal cruelty and abuse

Description:

Would require an individual who witnesses evidence of animal cruelty at an animal facility to report the evidence within 24 hours to a local humane officer.

Status: Introduced 2/6/2015; Died in Chamber

Failed

NC

[HB 366](#)

North Carolina Farm Act of 2014

Description:

Would maintain the confidentiality of environmental investigations for agricultural operations and direct the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to adopt rules for a formal complaint procedure.

Passed

Pass Date: 8/6/2014

NC

[HB 405](#)

Property Protection Act

Description:

The act provides that any person who intentionally gains access to the nonpublic areas of another's premises and engages in an act that exceeds the person's authority to enter those areas is liable to the owner or operator of the premises for any damages sustained.

Passed

Pass Date: 6/4/2015

NC

[HB 765](#)

Regulatory Reform Act of 2015

Description:

Would establish an animal welfare hotline to receive reports of allegations of animal cruelty or violations of the Animal Welfare Act.

Passed

Pass Date: 10/22/2015

NC

[HB 780](#)

Study Antibiotics Fed to Livestock

Description:

Would require the Division of Public Health of the Department of Health and Human Services, with the cooperation of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, to study the use of antibiotic drugs in livestock production in the State.

Status: Introduced 4/10/2013; Died in Committee

Failed

NC

[HB 899](#)

Local Authority/Large-Scale Chicken Farms

Description:

Would allow a county to adopt zoning regulations governing poultry farms with an animal waste management system having a design capacity of 150,000 or more confined poultry, provided that the zoning regulations may not have the effect of excluding poultry farms with an animal waste management system having a design capacity of 150,000 or more confined poultry from the entire zoning jurisdiction.

Status: Introduced 4/11/2013; Died in Committee

Failed

NC

[HB 905](#)

Hog Lagoon Phase Out/Livestock Treatment

Description:

Would phase out traditional animal waste management systems that serve swine farms and would prohibit a farm owner or operator from confining a veal calf, egg-laying hen or gestating sow on a farm for all or the majority of any day in a manner that prevents the animal from lying down, standing up, fully extending its limbs or turning around freely.

Status: Introduced 4/11/2013; Died in Committee

Failed

NC

[SB 513](#)

North Carolina Farm Act of 2015

Description:

Would provide regulatory relief to the agricultural community of North Carolina by providing for various transportation and environmental reforms.

Passed

Pass Date: 9/30/2015

NC

[SB 638](#)

North Carolina Farm Act of 2013

Description:

Would enact the North Carolina Farm Act of 2013 to limit the liability of NC commodity producers arising from food safety issues related to their products and amend certain egg labeling requirements.

Passed

Pass Date: 7/17/2013

ND

[12.1-21.1](#)

Animal Research Facility Damage Act

Description:

Would prohibit a person to intentionally damage or destroy an animal facility, an animal or property in or on the animal facility, or any enterprise conducted at the animal facility; Acquire or otherwise exercise control over an animal facility or an animal or other property from an animal facility with the intent to deprive the owner and to damage the enterprise conducted at the facility; Enter an animal facility, not then open to the public, with intent to commit an act prohibited by this section; Enter an animal facility and remain concealed with intent to commit an act prohibited by this section; Enter an animal facility and commit or attempt to commit an act prohibited by this section; Enter an animal facility and use or attempt to use a camera, video recorder, or any other video or audio recording equipment or intentionally turn out or release any animal in or on an animal facility.

Passed

Pass Date: 1991

ND

[HB 1381](#)

Interference with the taking of wildlife

Description:

An individual may not intentionally interfere with the lawful taking of wildlife on public or private land by another or intentionally harass, drive, or disturb any wildlife on public or private land for the purpose of disrupting a lawful hunt.

Passed

Pass Date: 3/20/2015

ND

[Measure 3](#)

North Dakota Farming and Ranching Amendment

Description:

Would block any law which abridges the right of farmers and ranchers to employ agricultural technology, modern livestock production and ranching practices. Ballot passed with 66 percent of the vote.

Passed

Pass Date: 11/8/2012

ND

[SB 2365](#)

Legislative Management Study - Humane Treatment of Animals

Description:

Would provide for a legislative management study of the laws relating to the humane treatment of animals.

Status: Engrossed 2/23/2011; Died in Chamber

Failed

ND

[SCR 4020](#)

Description:

Would establish food labeling standards, direct the clarification of voluntary food labeling standards, and provide for a review of foods derived through the use of biotechnology.

Passed

Pass Date: 3/24/2015

NE

[LB 1148](#)

Description:

Would prohibit a person from confining a gestating sow in an enclosure in a manner that prevents the animal from lying down, standing up, and fully extending all limbs without touching the side of an enclosure; and turning in a complete circle without any impediment, including a tether, and without touching the side of an enclosure.

Status: Introduced 1/23/2008; Withdrawn

Failed

NE

[LB 176](#)

Change the Competitive Livestock Markets Act

Description:

Would change provisions relating to contract swine operations.

Passed

Pass Date: 2/11/2016

NE

[LB 393](#)

Change provisions of the Livestock Animal Welfare Act

Description:

Would allow the Director of Agriculture may commission animal cruelty investigation agents who shall be licensed veterinarians who have completed training or acquired certification as specified by the director. Amends cruelly neglect to mean failure to provide livestock with care consistent with customary animal husbandry practices.

Status: Introduced 1/16/2015; Died in Chamber
Failed

NE

[LB 865](#)

Livestock Animal Welfare Act

Description:

Adopt the Livestock Animal Welfare Act.

Passed

Pass Date: 3/17/2010

NE

[LB 915](#)

Description:

Would prohibit any person from obtaining employment at an animal facility with the intent to disrupt the normal operations of the animal facility.

Status: Introduced 1/10/2012; Died in Chamber
Failed

NE

[LR 378 CA](#)

Description:

Constitutional amendment to guarantee the right to engage in certain farming and ranching practices.

Status: Introduced 1/6/2016; Died in Chamber
Failed

NH

[HB 110](#)

Description:

Would require persons who record cruelty to livestock to report such cruelty and submit such recordings to a law enforcement agency within 24 hours.

Status: Introduced 1/3/2013; Died in Chamber
Failed

NH

[HB 1464](#)

Description:

Would exempt New Hampshire agricultural products produced, sold, and consumed in New Hampshire from the FDA Food Safety and Modernization Act.

Status: Introduced 12/16/2013; Died in Chamber
Failed

NH

[HB 59](#)

Prohibiting the cruel confinement of certain farm animals

Description:

Would prohibit a farm owner or operator from knowingly confining any veal calf or gestating sow in an enclosure in a manner that prevents such animal from lying down, standing up, fully extending its limbs and turning around freely.

Status: Died 3/14/2013
Failed

NH

[HB 660](#)

Description:

Would require the labeling of genetically engineered foods and agricultural commodities.

Status: Introduced 1/3/2013; Died in Chamber
Failed

NJ

[AB 2023](#)

Description:

Would prohibit the slaughter of horses and sale of horseflesh for human consumption.

Passed
Pass Date: 9/19/2012

NJ

[AB 2269](#)

Ostrich, emu, rhea designated agricultured livestock

Description:

Would provide that the ostrich, emu, and rhea, shall be designated as agricultural livestock and shall be subject to the laws, rules and regulations governing the importation, care and breeding of that type of animal in the State.

Passed

Pass Date: 1/8/1998

NJ

[AB 3192](#)

Description:

Would require food produced with genetic engineering to be labeled.

Status: Introduced 7/30/2012; Died in Chamber

Failed

NJ

[AB 3230](#)

Description:

Would prohibit forcible feeding of ducks, geese, and other poultry for the production of foie gras.

Status: Introduced 6/1/2006; Died in Committee

Failed

NJ

[AB 3250](#)

Description:

Would prohibit a person from confining a gestating sow in an enclosure in a manner that prevents the animal from from being able to turn around freely, lie down, stand up, or fully extend its limbs.

Status: Introduced 9/24/2012; Died in Chamber

Failed

NJ

[AB 3298](#)

Office of Animal Welfare

Description:

Would establish the Office of Animal Welfare in the Department of Health and Senior Services to have responsibilities that relate to the care, housing, and shelter of animals and the protection of animals from animal cruelty.

Status: Introduced 10/16/2008; Died in Committee

Failed

NJ

[AB 3829](#)

Description:

This bill provides that a person may hold an agriculture-related event on preserved farmland if the owner of the land first obtains a permit from the county agriculture development board to hold such an event.

Status: Introduced 10/16/2014; Died in Committee

Failed

NJ

[AB 3847](#)

Description:

Would provide for the establishment of continuing education course requirements for certified animal control officers.

Status: Introduced 10/23/2014; Died in Committee

Failed

NJ

[AB 3899](#)

Description:

Would prohibit a person from performing, or causing to be performed, an onychectomy (declawing) or flexor tendonectomy procedure by any means on a cat or other animal, unless the procedure is deemed necessary for a therapeutic purpose by a licensed veterinarian.

Status: Engrossed 1/23/2017

Pending

NJ

[AB 543](#)

Permitting the sale of raw milk

Description:

Would permit the sale of raw milk by a person holding a valid raw milk permit. The bill would also require the Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the Department of Health and Senior Services, to establish a raw milk permit program.

Status: Introduced 1/14/2016; Died in Chamber

Failed

NJ

[AB 552](#)

Description:

Allows commercial farmer to recover reasonable costs and attorney fees of defending against unreasonable

complaints under Right to Farm Act.

Status: Introduced 1/16/2014; Died in Chamber
Failed

NJ

[AB 760](#)

Designates bison as agricultural livestock

Description:

This bill would designate the bison (or American buffalo) as agricultural livestock, subject to regulations of the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Health and Senior Services. Currently, these animals are considered an "exotic species," and their possession is regulated by the Division of Fish and Wildlife in the Department of Environmental Protection.

Status: Introduced 1/12/2010; Died in Committee
Failed

NJ

[ACR 218 / SCR 139](#)

Description:

This concurrent resolution memorializes the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency to not impose livestock fees associated with greenhouse gas emissions.

Status: Introduced 2/5/2009; Died in Committee
Failed

NJ

[ACR 37 / SCR 122](#)

Description:

Expresses support for national ban of non-therapeutic use of antibiotics on livestock. It is the sponsor's hope that this resolution persuades Congress and the FDA to institute a mandatory ban on non-therapeutic uses of antibiotics in livestock, with significant oversight as to therapeutic uses as well.

Status: Introduced 1/27/2016
Pending

NJ

[SB 1921](#)

Description:

Would prohibit a person from confining a gestating sow in an enclosure in a manner that prevents the animal from being able to turn around freely, lie down, stand up, or fully extend its limbs.

Status: Vetoed 6/27/2013

Failed

NJ

[SB 2496](#)

Description:

Would require foods produced with genetic engineering to be labeled.

Status: Introduced 10/16/2014; Died in Committee

Failed

NJ

[SB 2786](#)

Description:

Would prohibit a person from confining a gestating sow in a manner that prevents the animal from being able to turn around freely, lie down, stand up, or fully extend its limbs.

Status: Introduced 11/14/2016

Pending

NM

[HB 459](#)

Beef Council Assessment Opt-out

Description:

Would allow producers to elect not to participate in the council assessment through an application process.

Status: Vetoed 2/19/2017

Failed

NM

[SB 18](#)

New Mexico Food Act

Description:

Would require food produced with genetic engineering to be labeled.

Status: Introduced 1/15/2013; Died in Chamber

Failed

NM

[SB 221](#)

Report livestock injuries to law enforcement

Description:

Would require a person who has made a video or digital recording to submit the recording to a law enforcement agency within 24 hours of determining or having reason to believe that it depicts injury to livestock. It is prohibited to splice, edit or otherwise alter a video or digital recording prior to its submission to a law enforcement agency.

Status: Introduced 1/22/2015; Died in Chamber

Failed

NM

[SB 348](#)

Right To Farm & Operations As Nuisance

Description:

Would provide that any agricultural operation or agricultural facility is not, nor shall it become, a private or public nuisance by any changed condition in or about the locality of the agricultural operation or agricultural facility if the operation was not a nuisance at the time the operation began except that the provisions of this section shall not apply whenever an agricultural operation or agricultural facility is operated negligently or illegally such that the operation or facility is a nuisance.

Status: Introduced 1/22/2015; Died in Chamber

Failed

NM

[SB 398](#)

Running at large of livestock

Description:

Would provide that upon receipt of a petition, the board of county commissioners may make an order prohibiting the running at large of livestock within the limits of the platted townsite and platted addition or within the limits of the conservancy or irrigation districts or within the limits of the military reservation or enclave, as the case may be, and shall cause the order to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks in some newspaper published in the county where the petition has been filed.

Status: Enrolled 3/16/2015; Died in Chamber

Failed

NM

[SB 552](#)

Livestock operation interference act

Description:

States a person is guilty of livestock operation interference if the person:

1. Without consent from the owner of a livestock operation, or the owner's agent, knowingly or intentionally records an image of, or sound from, the livestock operation by leaving a recording device on the livestock operation;
2. Obtains access to a livestock operation under false pretenses;

3. Applies for employment at a livestock operation with the intent to record an image of, or sound from, the livestock operation;
4. Knows, at the time that the person accepts employment at a livestock operation, that the owner of the livestock operation prohibits the employee from recording an image of, or sound from, the livestock operation and while present on the livestock operation records an image of, or sound from, the livestock operation; or
5. Without consent of the owner of a livestock operation or the owner's agent, knowingly or intentionally records an image of, or sound from, a livestock operation while the person is committing criminal trespass on the operation.

Status: Introduced 2/1/2013; Died in Chamber

Failed

NM

[SB 72](#)

Right To Farm & Operations As Nuisance

Description:

Would provide that any agricultural operation or agricultural facility is not, nor shall it become, a private or public nuisance by any changed condition in or about the locality of the agricultural operation or agricultural facility if the operation was not a nuisance at the time the operation began and has been in existence for more than one year.

Passed

Pass Date: 2/1/2016

NY

[AB 1076](#)

Description:

Would prohibit the tail docking of horses and cattle.

Status: Introduced 1/9/2013; Died in Committee

Failed

NY

[AB 1725](#)

Provides for the humane treatment and removal of downed animals

Description:

Would provide that no slaughterhouse, stockyard, auction market agency, or dealer shall buy, sell, or receive a downed animal or products of downed animals for human consumption; No slaughterhouse, stockyard, auction market agency, or dealer shall hold a downed animal without taking immediate action to humanely euthanize the animal, or humanely remove the animal for veterinary treatment and; While in transit or on the premises of a slaughterhouse, stockyard, auction market agency, or dealer, a downed animal shall not be dragged at any time, or pushed with equipment at any time, but shall be moved with a sling or on a stoneboat or by other sled-like or wheeled conveyance.

Status: Introduced 1/11/2011; Died in Committee
Failed

NY

[AB 1843](#)

Description:

Would require poultry products treated with antibiotics containing arsenic to bear a label so indicating.

Status: Introduced 1/13/2015; Died in Committee
Failed

NY

[AB 2118](#)

Prevention of Farm Animal Cruelty Act

Description:

Would prohibit a person from confining a farm animal for all of the majority of any day in an enclosure in a manner that prevents the animal from lying down, standing up, fully extending its limbs and turning around freely.

Status: Introduced 1/13/2011; Died in Committee
Failed

NY

[AB 3525](#)

Description:

Would require foods produced with genetic engineering to be labeled.

Status: Introduced 1/28/2013; Died in Committee
Failed

NY

[AB 3612](#)

Prevention of Farm Animal Cruelty Act

Description:

Would prohibit a person from confining a farm animal for all of the majority of any day in an enclosure in a manner that prevents the animal from lying down, standing up, fully extending its limbs and turning around freely.

Status: Introduced 1/28/2013; Died in Committee
Failed

NY

[AB 424](#)

Pertains to confinement of animals for food producing purposes

Description:

Would prohibit any person from confining a gestating sow, veal calf or egg-laying hen on a farm in an enclosure for all or the majority of any day in a manner that prevents the animal from lying down, standing up and fully extending its limbs and turning around freely.

Status: Introduced 1/9/2013; Died in Committee

Failed

NY

[AB 5184](#)

Anaerobic Digesters Revolving Fund Program

Description:

Establishes the anaerobic digesters revolving fund program to provide incentives for the installation of anaerobic manure digesters on agricultural operations to convert trapped methane from manure into energy.

Status: Introduced 2/21/2013; Died in Committee

Failed

NY

[AB 7002](#)

Relates to access to viable agricultural land for new and beginning farmers

Description:

Would amend the agriculture and markets law and the public lands law, in relation to access to viable agricultural land for new and beginning farmers.

Status: Vetoed 12/17/2014

Failed

NY

[AB 8163](#)

Description:

This bill would phase-out pig gestation crates, veal crates and hen battery cages by 2015.

Status: Introduced 5/6/2009; Died in Committee

Failed

NY

[AB 849](#)

Description:

Would require poultry products treated with antibiotics containing arsenic to bear a label so indicating.

Status: Introduced 1/9/2017

Pending

NY

[AB 8597](#)

Prevention of Farm Animal Cruelty Act

Description:

Would prohibit a person from confining any farm animal in an enclosure for all or the majority of any day in a manner that prevents the animal from lying down, standing up, fully extending its limbs and turning around freely.

Status: Introduced 5/29/2009; Died in Committee

Failed

NY

[AB 9449](#)

Pertains to confinement of certain animals for food producing purposes

Description:

Would prohibit a person from confining a gestating sow, veal calf and egg-laying hen on a farm for all or majority of any day in an enclosure in a manner that prevents the animal from lying down, standing up, fully extending its limbs or turning around freely.

Status: Introduced 3/1/2012; Died in Committee

Failed

NY

[Int 1233](#)

Prohibiting the display of wild or exotic animals for public entertainment or amusement

Description:

A local law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to wild or exotic animal circus performances. This bill would prohibit the use of many wild or exotic animals in circuses.

Passed

Pass Date: 6/21/2017

NY

[SB 1844](#)

Relates to restrictions on non-therapeutic use of antimicrobial agents

Description:

Would prohibit a person from engaging in the non-therapeutic use of antimicrobial agents in cattle, poultry,

sheep, swine, or any animal raised for food, including animals that provide egg and milk. Would also prohibit a person from selling or transporting any food product derived from an animal that has been subject to non-therapeutic use of antimicrobial agents.

Status: Introduced 1/11/2017

Pending

NY

[SB 456](#)

Description:

Would make it unlawful to force feed birds, by hand or machine, for the purpose of fatty enlargement of such bird's liver.

Status: Introduced 1/9/2013; Died in Committee

Failed

NY

[SB 5172](#)

Relates to the unlawful tampering of farm animals

Description:

Would prohibit the any interference with a farm animal or farm through the injection of any unauthorized substance, the release of a farm animal, the unauthorized feeding or unauthorized video, audio recording or photography done without the farm owner's written consent.

Status: Introduced 5/3/2011; Died in Committee

Failed

OH

[HB 147](#)

Change humane society law

Description:

Would make humane society agents subject to bribery law.

Status: Introduced 3/21/2017

Pending

OH

[HB 414](#)

Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board

Description:

Would establish requirements and responsibilities of the Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board and the Director of Agriculture in administering and enforcing the rules adopted by the Board that govern the care

and well-being of livestock in this state.

Status: Effective 3/31/2010

Passed

Pass Date: 3/31/2010

OH

[HJR 2](#)

Description:

Would establish the Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board which would establish standards governing the care and well-being of livestock and poultry in the state, subject only to the authority of the General Assembly. When establishing standards, the board shall consider factors including: biosecurity, disease prevention, food safety practices and agricultural best management practices.

Status: Engrossed 6/4/2009; Died in Chamber

Failed

OK

[HB 1104](#)

Feral swine

Description:

Any person who meets the hunting requirements of the Department of Wildlife Conservation shall be obligated to kill any and all feral swine upon capture, unless licensed to transport pursuant to the Feral Swine Control Act.

Status: Introduced 2/2/2015; Died in Chamber

Failed

OK

[HB 1306](#)

Oklahoma Livestock Care Standards Board

Description:

Would establish the Oklahoma Livestock Care Standards Board for the purpose of establishing standards governing the care and well-being of livestock and poultry in this state.

Status: Introduced 2/7/2011; Died in Committee

Failed

OK

[HB 1388 / SB 374](#)

An Act relating to nuisances

Description:

Law states no action for nuisance shall be brought against agricultural activities on farm or ranch land which has lawfully been in operation for two (2) years or more prior to the date of bringing the action. The established date of operation is the date on which an agricultural activity on farm or ranch land commenced. This bill would amend the established date of the operation under certain circumstances.

Passed

Pass Date: 5/16/2017

OK

[HB 1957](#)

Description:

Would provide that new swine feeding operations established on or after November 1, 2011, using liquid swine waste management systems and housing swine in roof-covered structures shall not be located within three (3) miles from the outside boundary of any area or facility with an average annual registered attendance of not less than two thousand (2,000) people and owned or operated as a camp or recreational site by a nonprofit organization established prior to application of the swine feeding operation.

Passed

Pass Date: 5/11/2011

OK

[HB 1999](#)

Meat inspection; modifying horsemeat regulation

Description:

Provides that it shall be unlawful for any person to sell, offer or exhibit for sale, or have in his or her possession with intent to sell, any quantity of horsemeat for human consumption in Oklahoma; also makes it illegal for someone to transfer possession of any horsemeat when they know the person receiving intends to sell it and the State Commissioner of Health can have access to any establishment in which horsemeat or feed suspected of containing horsemeat is present to examine any and all sales records and to emargo any food or horsemeat suspected to being in violation of the law.

Passed

Pass Date: 4/1/2013

OK

[HB 2132](#)

Prosperity districts

Description:

Would allow the creation of prosperity districts.

Status: Engrossed 3/28/2017

Pending

OK

[HB 2250](#)

Description:

Would prohibit any animal rights charitable organization to solicit contributions intended for out-of-state or for political purposes.

Status: Engrossed 3/2/2016; Died in Committee

Failed

OK

[HB 2345](#)

Oklahoma Livestock Care Standards Board

Description:

Would create the Oklahoma Livestock Care Standards Board for the purpose of establishing standards governing the care and well-being of livestock and poultry in this state.

Status: Failed 5/28/2010

Failed

OK

[HJR 1006](#)

Description:

Would protect the rights of farmers and ranchers to engage in modern farming and ranching practices. It prohibits the Legislature from passing laws that would take away the right to employ agricultural technology and modern livestock production.

Status: Introduced 2/4/2013; Died in Chamber

Failed

OK

[HJR 1012](#)

SQ 777

Description:

Would protect the rights of citizens and lawful residents of Oklahoma to engage in farming and ranching practices. It prohibits the Legislature from passing laws that would take away the right to employ agricultural technology and livestock production without a compelling state interest.

Passed

Pass Date: 4/30/2015

OK

SB 1716

Description:

Would prohibit any person from, without good cause, maliciously and knowingly cutting or damaging a fence used for the production or containment of cattle, bison, horses, sheep, swine, goats, domestic fowl, exotic livestock, exotic poultry or any game animals or domesticated game such that there is a loss or damage to the property.

Status: Engrossed 3/19/2012; Died in Chamber

Failed

OK

SB 375

Horsemeat

Description:

It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, offer or exhibit for sale, or have in his or her possession with intent to sell, any quantity of horsemeat for human consumption within the United States.

It shall be lawful to sell, offer or exhibit for sale, or have in his or her possession with intent to sell, any quantity of horsemeat for human consumption if: The horsemeat is to be exported internationally; The horses are sold through a livestock auction; and The horses are purchased by a livestock dealer.

Status: Engrossed 2/21/2013; Died in Committee

Failed

OR

HB 2175 / HB 2532

Relating to food labeling

Description:

Would require foods produced with genetic engineering to be labeled.

Status: Failed 7/8/2013

Failed

OR

HB 2396

Description:

Would prohibit administration of medically important antibiotics to food-producing animals for non-therapeutic purposes unless there is a significant risk of a disease or infection that is present on the premises being transmitted to the food-producing animal; it is necessary to prevent transmission of the disease or infection; it is provided to the food-producing animal for the shortest duration necessary to prevent transmission of the disease or infection; and it is provided to the smallest number of food-producing animals necessary to prevent transmission of the disease or infection. Would require the operator of a CAFO to file an annual report regarding administration of medically important antibiotics to food-producing animals

at the operation. Makes prohibition and reporting applicable to provision of antibiotics to food-producing animals on or after January 1, 2018. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

Status: Failed 7/7/17

Failed

OR

[HB 2598](#)

Relating to the provision of antibiotics to food-producing animals

Description:

Would prohibit administration or other provision of medically important antibiotic to food-producing animal for nontherapeutic purposes. Requires operator of concentrated animal feeding operation to file annual report regarding administration of medically important antibiotics to food-producing animals at operation.

Status: Failed 7/6/2015

Failed

OR

[HB 2692](#)

Relating to animal welfare laws

Description:

Would add offenses of equine tripping and encouraging animal abuse to definition of "animal welfare laws" for purposes of enforcement by humane special agents.

Status: Failed 7/6/2015

Failed

OR

[HB 3006](#)

Relating to dairy animals

Description:

Would permit the Dairy Animal Welfare Board to submit comments to the Legislative Assembly based on the most recent scientific data of accepted animal husbandry practices existing at the time. The comments may include, but need not be limited to, comments regarding the potential impacts on dairy animal care and welfare and on the safety of human dairy food supplies of legislation and ballot initiatives dealing with dairy animal care and agricultural practices affecting dairy animals.

Status: Failed 6/30/2011

Failed

OR

[HB 3121](#)

Relating to genetically engineered food

Description:

Would require foods produced with genetic engineering to be labeled.

Status: Failed 7/6/2015

Failed

OR

[HB 4122](#)

Relating to genetically engineered goods

Description:

Would require labeling of genetically engineered fish sold or offered for sale for human consumption and require labeling of packaged products containing genetically engineered fish and sold or offered for sale for human consumption.

Status: Failed 3/3/2016

Failed

OR

[SB 694](#)

Description:

Would prohibit a person from confining a gestating sow in an enclosure for more than 12 hours in a 24-hour period in a manner that prevents the sow from lying down and fully extending its limbs or turning around freely.

Status: Effective 1/1/2008

Passed

OR

[SB 785](#)

Description:

Livestock producers would only be able to provide a medically important antibiotic to their animals if a veterinarian determines it's necessary to treat or control the spread of a disease or infection, or due to a medical procedure. Farms that are considered concentrated animal feeding operations would have to submit information about their antibiotic usage to the state government, with those records subject to disclosure as public documents.

Status: Failed 7/7/2017

Failed

OR

[SB 805](#)

Relating to egg-laying hens

Description:

Would prohibit a commercial farm owner or operator from confining egg-laying hens in an enclosure that does not meet standards equivalent to the requirements for certification established in the United Egg Producers' Animal Husbandry Guidelines for U.S. Egg Laying Flocks and would require that enclosures constructed or otherwise acquired on or after January 1, 2012, meet, or be convertible into enclosures that meet, standards equivalent to the requirements for certification of enriched colony facility systems established in the American Humane Association's farm animal welfare certification program.

Originally, HSUS was pushing a ballot question that would mandate cage-free housing for egg-laying hens by 2019, but dropped the ballot when an agreement was signed by UEP and HSUS. The agreement said HSUS would not move forward with ballot initiatives in Oregon and Washington to go cage free.

Status: Effective 6/22/2011

Passed

Pass Date: 6/22/2011

OR

[SB 920](#)

Description:

Would prohibit administration of medically important antibiotics to food-producing animals for non-therapeutic purposes. Would require the operator of a CAFO to file an annual report regarding administration of medically important antibiotics to food-producing animals at the operation. Makes prohibition and reporting applicable to provision of antibiotics to food-producing animals on or after January 1, 2016.

Status: Failed 7/6/2015

Failed

PA

[HB 1238](#)

Description:

Act amending Titles 3 (Agriculture), 18 (Crimes and Offenses), 22 (Detectives and Private Police), 34 (Game) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes that provides civil immunity for any veterinary professional who reports suspected cruelty of animals in good faith.

Passed

Pass Date: 6/28/2017

PA

[HB 683](#)

Description:

Would make a person guilty of interfering with agricultural operations if the person, without consent from the owner of an agricultural operation or the owner's agent:

1. Records an image of, or sound from, the agricultural operation by leaving a recording device on the agricultural operation; or uploads, downloads, transfers or otherwise sends recorded images of, or sound from, the agricultural operations over the Internet in any medium.
2. Obtains access to an agricultural operation under false pretenses.
3. Enters an agricultural operation with the intent to obtain unlawful possession of, or access to, any information, data or article representing any agricultural activity or farming which is conducted or takes place at the agricultural operation.
4. Applies for employment at an agricultural operation with the intent to record an image of, or sound from, the agricultural operation;
5. Knows, at the time that the person accepts employment, that the owner of the agricultural operation prohibits the recording of any image of, or sound from, the agricultural operation; and while employed at, and while present on, the agricultural operation, records an image of, or sound from, the agricultural operation.
6. Without consent from the owner of the agricultural operation or the owner's agent, records an image of, or sound from, an agricultural operation while the person is committing criminal trespass.

Status: Introduced 2/12/2013; Died in Committee

Failed

PA

[SB 246](#)

Prohibiting the administration of certain antimicrobial agents in agriculture

Description:

Would prohibit a person from administering to an animal a nontherapeutic amount of penicillin, tetracycline, erythromycin, lincomycin, bacitracin or virginiamycin and from administering an antimicrobial agent for growth promotion.

Status: Introduced 1/27/2017

Pending

PA

[SB 443](#)

Description:

Would prohibit the administration of a nontherapeutic amount of penicillin, tetracycline, erythromycin, lincomycin, bacitracin or virginiamycin to an animal.

Status: Introduced 2/7/2011; Died in Committee

Failed

PA

[SB 906](#)

Description:

Would allow the department to establish an agricultural biosecurity area and require that all areas be posted. Would also prohibit any person who is not licensed or privileged from entering the area.

Passed

Pass Date: 11/23/2010

RI

[HB 5078](#)

Genetically Engineered Food

Description:

Would require any food produced with genetic engineering be labeled.

Status: Introduced 1/14/2015; Died in Chamber

Failed

RI

[HB 5494](#)

Relating To Animals And Animal Husbandry

Description:

Would expand the meaning of unnecessary cruelty to one who willfully, intentionally, maliciously, recklessly and/or knowingly authorizes or permits that animal to be subjected to unnecessary torture, suffering or cruelty of any kind.

Passed

Pass Date: 7/11/2013

RI

[HB 5505](#)

Description:

Would prohibit a farmer, owner or operator from confining veal calves, egg-laying hens and gestating sows in an enclosure that prevents the animal from fully extending its limbs without touching the sides of the enclosure.

Status: Introduced 2/12/2015; Died in Committee

Failed

RI

[HB 5605](#)

Unlawful Confinement Of A Covered Animal

Description:

Would prohibit a person from confining a gestating sow, veal calf or egg-laying hen in an enclosure in a manner that prevents the animal from turning around freely, lying down, standing up or fully extending its limbs.

Status: Introduced 3/1/2017

Pending

RI

[HB 5799](#)

Relating To Animals And Animal Husbandry

Description:

Would require a person charged with the care or custody of an animal to report concerns of animal abuse, neglect or abandonment to any local or state police department, animal control officials or officers of private organizations devoted to the humane treatment of animals, and shall be immune from suit by reason of making the report.

Status: Introduced 3/5/2015; Died in Chamber

Failed

RI

[HB 6023](#)

Unlawful Confinement Of A Covered Animal

Description:

Would prohibit a person from confining a gestating sow, veal calf or egg-laying hen in an enclosure in a manner that prevents that animal from turning around freely, lying down, standing up or fully extending its limbs. If passed, would require all eggs produced or sold in the state must have a minimum space allowance of 144 square inches per chicken.

Status: Introduced 3/29/2017

Pending

RI

[HB 6172](#)

Right to Farm

Description:

Defines secondary agricultural operations and provides that municipalities may limit and regulate secondary agricultural use but not prohibit such operations.

Status: Introduced 4/28/2017

Pending

RI

[HB 7324](#)

Description:

Would prohibit a person from confining any gestating sow, veal calf, or egg-laying hen in an enclosure that prevents the animal from turning around fully, lying down, standing up or fully extending the animals limbs. Would allow the continued use of presently owned enclosures for egg-laying hens installed before 7/1/2016

that do not meet the space requirement of 216 inches of available floor space, but if those enclosures are retrofitted, replaced or modified with a new or used enclosure, that enclosure must meet that space requirement.

Status: Introduced 1/27/2016; Died in Committee

Failed

RI

[HB 7768](#)

Animal Abuser Registry

Description:

Would create an animal abuser registry available to the public.

Status: Introduced 2/25/2010; Died in Chamber

Failed

RI

[HB 7769](#)

Prevention of Farm Animal Cruelty Act

Description:

Would prohibit a person from confining a gestating sow, veal calf and egg-laying hen in an enclosure in a manner that prevents the animal from lying down, standing up, turning around freely and fully extending its limbs.

Status: Introduced 2/25/2010; Died in Chamber

Failed

RI

[HB 8173](#)

Rhode Island Livestock Welfare and Care Standards Advisory Council Act of 2012

Description:

Would establish a livestock welfare and care standards advisory council that would review and evaluate laws and rules of the state applicable to the care and handling of livestock.

Passed

Pass Date: 6/21/2012

RI

[SB 203](#)

Description:

Defines practicing veterinary medicine. A person shall be regarded as practicing veterinary medicine when he/she conducts routine vaccinations or testing of poultry or livestock for the purposes of disease control

activity or when a person who advises with respect to or performs acts which are livestock management and animal husbandry practices that have been accepted and performed as required by the livestock welfare and care standards advisory council. Prescription drugs shall not be used except by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian, as provided by state and federal law.

Status: Introduced 2/11/2015; Died in Chamber

Failed

RI

[SB 2139](#)

Description:

Would prohibit the use of battery cages for egg-laying hens.

Status: Introduced 1/29/2014; Died in Committee

Failed

RI

[SB 2191](#)

Description:

Would prohibit a person from confining a gestating sow or veal calf in an enclosure in a manner that prevents the animal from turning around freely, lying down, standing up or fully extending its limbs.

Status: Effective 6/6/2013

Passed

Pass Date: 6/6/2012

RI

[SB 90](#)

Freshwater Fishing

Description:

Would permit fishing in trout waters at any time of year without seasonal restriction.

Status: Introduced 1/22/2015; Died in Chamber

Failed

RI

[SB 93](#)

Genetically Modified Organisms To Be Labeled

Description:

Would require all food produced with genetic engineering be labeled.

Status: Introduced 1/22/2015; Died in Chamber

Failed

SC

[47-21-10](#)

Farm Animal, Crop Operation, and Research Facilities Protection Act

Description:

Would prohibit a person from: damaging or destroying an animal facility, an animal, or property in or on an animal facility with the intent to disrupt or damage the enterprise conducted at the animal facility; entering an animal facility, not then open to the public, with intent to commit an act prohibited by this section; remaining concealed, with intent to commit an act prohibited by this section; entering or remaining in an animal facility with the intent to disrupt or damage the enterprise conducted at the animal facility and the person had notice that the entry was forbidden; or received notice to depart but failed to do so.

Status: Effective 6/7/2012

Passed

SC

[HB 4717](#)

S.C. Farm Aid Fund

Description:

Would create the "South Carolina farm aid fund" to assist farmers who have suffered at least a forty percent loss of agricultural commodities as a result of the October 2015 flood.

Passed

Pass Date: 5/4/2016

SC

[SB 298](#)

Protection of game

Description:

Would prohibit a person on a dog hunt to permit his dog to enter upon the land of another over which the person does not have hunting rights.

Status: Introduced 1/13/2015; Died in Committee

Failed

SC

[SB 592](#)

Hunting of feral hogs, coyotes, and armadillos

Description:

Would provide that feral hogs, coyotes, and armadillos may be hunted at any time of the year under authority of and pursuant to the conditions contained in a depredation permit issued by the department and from the last day of February to the first day of July of that same year with any legal firearm, bow and arrow,

or crossbow when notice is given to the department, and to provide conditions for hunting these animals at night.

Passed

Pass Date: 6/9/2015

SC

[SB 640](#)

Animal Rescue Act

Description:

Would require that no animal in the care or custody of an animal shelter may be killed if a rescue group requests possession of the animal; all animal shelters that kill animals must maintain a registry of rescue groups willing to accept animals for the purposes of adoption and who have applied with the shelters to be notified; and at least two business days prior to the scheduled euthanasia of an animal, the shelter having possession of the animal shall provide notice to the rescue group of the scheduled euthanasia.

Status: Introduced 4/23/2013; Died in Committee

Failed

SD

[HCR 1006](#)

Description:

The Legislature of South Dakota would oppose any attempt for any ballot initiative or acts by the Humane Society of the United States, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, and other animal rights groups that would undermine the livelihood of agricultural producers.

Passed

Pass Date: 2/9/2012

SD

[HCR 1007](#)

Description:

Would support the establishment of USDA-inspected horse processing plants in the State of South Dakota.

Passed

Pass Date: 2/22/2008

SD

[SB 45](#)

Description:

Would require a producer engaged in producing and selling raw milk to obtain a permit from the Secretary of Agriculture.

Passed

Pass Date: 3/12/2015

TN

[HB 1191](#)

Description:

Would require a person who records animal cruelty committed against livestock to report such violation and submit any unedited photographs or video recordings to law enforcement authorities within 24 hours of the photograph's or recording's creation.

Status: Introduced 2/13/2013; Died in Chamber

Failed

TN

[HB 1207](#)

Description:

Would allow a sheriff to authorize any society involved in the prevention of cruelty to animals located in the sheriff's jurisdictional county to be able to make arrests in such county regarding cruelty to nonlivestock animals.

Status: Introduced 2/12/2015; Died in Chamber

Failed

TN

[HB 1218](#)

Genetically Engineered Food Labeling Act

Description:

Would require food produced with genetic engineering sold in the state to be labeled.

Status: Failed 3/15/2016

Failed

TN

[HB 1410](#)

Description:

Would define agriculture to include entertainment activities that occur on land where farm products and nursery stock are produced; requires that the Tennessee Right to Farm Act be construed broadly to effectuate its purposes.

Status: Effective 4/1/2014

Passed

Pass Date: 4/1/2014

TN

[HB 1838](#)

Description:

Any person who intentionally accesses a nonpublic area of another's premises and engages in an act that exceeds that person's authority to enter those areas is liable to the owner or operator of the premises for any damages sustained that were caused by the person's access. An act that exceeds a person's authority to enter the nonpublic areas of another's premises includes:

1. An employee intentionally enters the nonpublic area of an employer's premises for a reason other than intent of seeking or holding employment or doing business with the employer, and thereafter, without authorization, captures or removes the employer's data, paper, records, or any other documents;
2. An employee intentionally enters the nonpublic area of an employer's premises for a reason other than intent of seeking or holding employment, or doing business with the employer, and thereafter, without authorization, records images or sound occurring within an employer's premises;
3. An employee knowingly places on the employer's premises an unattended camera or electronic surveillance device and uses that camera or device to record images or data.

Status: Introduced 1/19/2016; Died in Chamber

Failed

TN

[HB 3491](#)

Description:

Expands the list of animal related practices that are exempt from veterinarian licensure requirements including the use of any manual procedure to test for pregnancy in bovines when performed by a farmer if the farmer meets certain qualifications.

Passed

Pass Date: 4/27/2010

TN

[HB 3620](#)

Description:

Would prohibit a person to apply for employment with the intent to cause economic damage to the employer by recording video or audio while on the premises of the employer and releasing such recordings to a third party. Would allow all recordings taken in violation to be confiscated and, after their use as evidence, destroyed.

Status: Introduced 1/26/2012; Died in Chamber

Failed

TN

[SB 1204](#)

Tennessee Animal Abuser Registration Act

Description:

Would require the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation to post a publicly accessible list on its web site of any person convicted of an animal abuse offense.

Passed

Pass Date: 5/20/2015

TN

[SB 1248](#)

Description:

Would require a person who records animal cruelty committed against livestock to report such violation and submit any unedited photographs or video recordings to law enforcement authorities within 24 hours of the photograph's or recording's creation.

Status: Failed 4/17/2013; Vetoed by Governor 5/13/2013

Failed

TN

[SB 894](#)

Genetically Engineered Food Labeling Act of 2013

Description:

Would prohibit any misleading labeling of food produced with genetic engineering sold in the state.

Status: Introduced 1/13/2013; Died in Chamber

Failed

TX

[HB 1081](#)

Relating to a study regarding the prohibition of dairy farming in certain areas of the state

Description:

Would require the Texas Animal Health Commission to conduct a study regarding the current risk level for bovine tuberculosis in certain states determined by the Commission to be infected or at high risk for bovine tuberculosis. By 9/1/2014, the Commission must submit a report of the findings to the Department of Agriculture and others listed.

Status: Effective 6/14/2013

Passed

Pass Date: 6/14/2013

TX

[HB 1643](#)

Description:

Would add a concentrated animal feeding operations to the list of facilities that drones are prohibited from flying over.

Status: Effective 9/1/17

Passed

Pass Date: 6/15/2017

TX

[HB 1819](#)

Relating to liability for injuring a trespassing sheep or goat

Description:

Would make a person with a fence that is insufficient who kills or wounds a head of cattle, horse, goat or sheep liable to the owner of the animal for damages.

Status: Effective 9/1/2013

Passed

Pass Date: 6/14/2013

TX

[HB 334](#)

Relating to the establishment of the Texas Livestock Care Standards Advisory Committee

Description:

Would establish a 16-member Texas Livestock Care Standards Advisory Committee. The committee would be required to research and develop standards governing livestock and poultry care, food safety, local food availability, food affordability, and best farm management practices for animal well-being.

Status: Introduced 11/19/2010; Died in Committee

Failed

TX

[SJR 22](#)

Right to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife amendment

Description:

Would amend Article 1, Section 34 of the Texas Constitution to include that people have the right to hunt, fish and harvest wildlife, including the use of traditional methods, subject to laws and regulations to conserve and manage wildlife and preserve the future of hunting and fishing. Would also state that hunting and fishing are preferred methods of managing and controlling wildlife.

Status: Enrolled 5/20/2015; Died in Chamber

Failed

UT

[HB 155](#)

Agricultural Advisory Board and Livestock

Description:

Would expand the duties of the Utah Agricultural Advisory Board to include duties related to acceptable livestock husbandry practices.

Passed

Pass Date: 3/23/2010

UT

[HB 187](#)

Agricultural Operation Interference

Description:

Would make a person guilty of agricultural operation interference if the person without consent from the owner of the agricultural operation, or the owner's agent, knowingly or intentionally records an image of, or sound from, the agricultural operation by leaving a recording device on the agricultural operation; obtains access to an agricultural operation under false pretenses; applies for employment at an agricultural operation with the intent to record an image of, or sound from, the agricultural operation; knows, at the time that the person accepts employment at the agricultural operation, that the owner of the agricultural operation prohibits the employee from recording an image of, or sound from, the agricultural operation; and while employed at, and while present on, the agricultural operation, records an image of, or sound from, the agricultural operation; or without consent from the owner of the operation or the owner's agent, knowingly or intentionally records an image of, or sound from, an agricultural operation while the person is committing criminal trespass on the agricultural operation.

The bill passed on March 7, 2012 and went into effect May 8, 2012, but was ruled unconstitutional by a federal judge in July 2017.

Status: Ruled unconstitutional 7/8/2017

Failed

UT

[HB 217](#)

Description:

If passed, the bill would prohibit a person from intentionally, knowingly or recklessly chasing or otherwise disturbing the peace of livestock with a motor vehicle, dog or aircraft (such as a drone).

Status: Governor signed 3/21/2017

Passed

Pass Date: 3/21/2017

UT

[HB 261](#)

Horse Tripping Amendments

Description:

Would require a venue that holds a horse event to report any incidents of horse tripping to the Department of Agriculture and Food.

Passed

Pass Date: 3/24/2015

UT

[HB 285](#)

Amends the Veterinary Practice Act

Description:

Amends the definition of practice of veterinary medicine to include dispensing any drug, medicine, treatment, method, or practice.

Passed

Pass Date: 3/25/2010

UT

[HB 64](#)

Milk Sales Amendments

Description:

Would allow a producer who sells raw milk at a self-owned retail store to also offer pasteurized milk at the same location.

Status: Introduced 1/26/2015; Died in Chamber

Failed

UT

[SB 134](#)

Game Fowl Fighting - Amendments

Description:

Would prohibit engaging in game fowl fighting.

Passed

Pass Date: 3/30/2015

VA

[HB 1145](#)

Description:

Provides that any veterinarian who makes a report of suspected animal cruelty or who provides records or information related to a report of suspected cruelty or testifies in any judicial proceeding arising from such

report, records, or information shall be immune from any civil or criminal liability or administrative penalty or sanction on account of such report, records, information, or testimony, unless such veterinarian acted in bad faith or with malicious purpose.

Passed

Pass Date: 4/11/2010

VA

[HB 1541](#)

Description:

Before seizing and impounding any agricultural animal, would require a humane investigator, law enforcement officer or animal control officer to contact the state veterinarian who shall recommend the most appropriate action for effecting the seizure and impoundment of the agricultural animal.

Passed

Pass Date: 3/28/2011

VA

[SB 1081](#)

Description:

Would prohibit a person to rope, lasso, or otherwise obstruct or interfere with one or more legs of an equine in order to intentionally cause it to trip or fall for the purpose of engagement in a rodeo, contest, exhibition, entertainment, or sport unless such actions are in the practice of accepted animal husbandry or for the purpose of allowing veterinary care. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the dehorning of cattle conducted in a reasonable and customary manner.

Passed

Pass Date: 3/23/2015

VA

[SB 32](#)

Description:

Would establish an animal cruelty registry organized and maintained by the Superintendent of State Police.

Status: Introduced 12/13/2013; Died in Committee

Failed

VT

[H 112](#)

An Act Relating To The Labeling Of Food Produced With Genetic Engineering

Description:

Would require food produced with genetic engineering to be labeled.

Passed

Pass Date: 5/8/2014

VT

[H 367](#)

An Act Relating To Labeling Genetically Engineered Food

Description:

Would require food produced with genetic engineering sold in the state of Vermont to be labeled as such.

Status: Introduced 3/8/2011; Died in Committee

Failed

VT

[H 374](#)

Description:

Would prohibit a farm owner, operator, or manager from knowingly confining a gestating sow in an enclosure in a manner that prevents the animal from turning around freely, lying down, standing up, or fully extending the limbs of the animal.

Status: Introduced 3/10/2015; Died in Committee

Failed

VT

[H 438](#)

An Act Relating To Prohibiting The Use Of Gestational Pig Crates

Description:

Would prohibit a person from confining a gestating sow in an enclosure in a manner that prevents the animal from turning around freely, lying down, standing up and fully extending its limbs.

Status: Introduced 3/1/2013; Died in Committee

Failed

VT

[H 52](#)

An Act Relating To The Definition Of Poultry Products

Description:

Would amend the definition of "poultry product" to not include quail, pheasant and partridge.

Passed

Pass Date: 4/28/2011

VT

[S 109](#)

An Act Relating To Docking The Tail Of A Horse Or Bovine

Description:

Would prohibit the practice of tail docking horse or bovine unless tail docking is performed by a veterinarian in order to relieve pain or to save the life of the animal.

Status: Introduced 2/14/2013; Died in Committee

Failed

VT

[S 22](#)

An act relating to docking the tail of a bovine

Description:

Would prohibit the practice of tail docking bovine unless the tail docking procedure is performed by a veterinarian in order to relieve pain or save the life of the bovine.

Status: Introduced 1/16/2015; Died in Committee

Failed

VT

[S 230](#)

An Act Relating To Humane Slaughter Of Livestock

Description:

Would require a representative from the Humane Society of the United States, Vermont Humane Society or similar organization to be present and observe when livestock are slaughtered and to report alleged violations of humane slaughter rules to the Secretary.

Status: Introduced 1/5/2010; Died in Committee

Failed

VT

[S 239](#)

An Act Relating To Ensuring The Humane Treatment And Slaughter Of Animals

Description:

Would prohibit a person from confining a gestating sow in an enclosure in a manner that prevents the animal from turning around freely, lying down, standing up and fully extending its limbs.

Status: Introduced 1/3/2012; Died in Committee

Failed

VT

[S 295](#)

Livestock Care Standards

Description:

Would establish the Livestock Care Standards Advisory Council to evaluate the laws of the state and provide policy recommendations regarding the care, handling, and well-being of livestock in the state.

Passed

Pass Date: 5/12/2010

WA

[1130](#)

HSUS Ballot Initiative: Eggs

Description:

This measure would prohibit confining egg-laying hens, as defined, in stacked cages or cages that prevent hens from turning around freely, lying down, standing up, or fully extending their wings. It would also prohibit selling eggs produced by hens thus confined. The measure was backed by HSUS, ASPCA and Farm Sanctuary. It was dropped and did not appear on the ballot after an agreement was reached between HSUS and United Egg Producers.

Status: Dropped 7/2011

Failed

WA

[HB 1104](#)

Creating the crime of interference with agricultural production

Description:

Would make it a crime of interference with agricultural production if an individual knowingly is not employed by an agricultural production facility and enters by theft, force, threat, misrepresentation or trespass; obtains records of an agricultural production facility by force, threat, misrepresentation or trespass; obtains employment with an agricultural production facility by force, threat or misrepresentation with the intent to cause economic or physical injury to the facility's operations, property, personnel or goodwill; enters an agricultural production facility that is not open to the public and without the owner's written consent and makes video recordings of the agricultural production facility's operations; or intentionally causes economic or physical injury to the operation.

Status: Introduced 1/12/2015; Died in Chamber

Failed

WA

[HB 1191](#)

Protecting livestock against predator attacks

Description:

Would allow for an owner, the owner's immediate family member, the agent of an owner, or the owner's

documented employee to kill a mammalian predator, regardless of state classification, without a permit or other form of permission to protect livestock.

Status: Introduced 1/18/2013; Died in Chamber
Failed

WA

[HB 1268](#)

Regarding hemp as a component of commercial animal feed

Description:

The department of agriculture must conduct a study evaluating whether hemp and hemp products should be an allowable component of commercial feed in Washington. If the department determines that allowing some use of hemp in commercial feed is appropriate, then they must take the appropriate administrative actions to allow for commercial feed license holders to include hemp in their feed formulations.

Passed

Pass Date: 4/25/2015

WA

[HB 2484](#)

Description:

Would require inspections, specialized training and other enhanced workplace standards on dairy farms.

Status: Introduced 1/14/2016; Died in Chamber
Failed

WA

[HB 2674](#)

Description:

Would create a Livestock Care Standards Board and authorize the board to adopt minimal standards regarding the care of livestock and poultry. Requires the state veterinarian must serve as the chair of the board and when making appointments to the board, the director must ensure that there are participating qualified experts for each major species represented in the livestock industry and at least two individuals who are considered to be consumer advocates.

Status: Introduced 1/24/2012; Died in Committee
Failed

WA

[SB 5073](#)

Concerning the disclosure of foods produced through genetic engineering

Description:

Would require food offered for retail sale in the state that is produced with genetic engineering to be labeled by July 1, 2015.

Status: Introduced 1/17/2013; Died in Committee
Failed

WA

[SB 5487](#)

Description:

Would establish a certification program and timeline for commercial egg laying chicken operations with more than 3,000 laying hens to be in compliance with the American Humane Association standards.

Status: Effective 8/1/2012

Passed

Pass Date: 5/10/2011

WI

[AB 486](#)

Description:

The bill clarifies that a person abandons an animal if the person fails to make arrangements for the animal's proper care, sustenance, and shelter. The bill clarifies that a person must provide an animal with adequate food and water. However, the bill specifies that the prohibition against treating an animal cruelly does not impose requirements or standards more stringent than normally accepted animal husbandry practices for farm animals and does not impose requirements for providing food and water to farm animals that exceed normally accepted animal husbandry practices.

Status: Failed 4/8/2014

Failed

WV

[HB 2276](#)

Legislative rule relating to the inspection of meat and poultry

Description:

Would authorize the Commissioner of Agriculture to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the inspection of meat and poultry.

Status: Introduced 1/26/2015; Died in Committee

Failed

WV

[HB 2399](#)

Protecting livestock in dire or extreme condition

Description:

Allows the Livestock Care Standards Board to establish standards governing the care and well-being of livestock, maintain food safety, encourage locally grown and raised food, and protect West Virginia farms and families.

Passed

Pass Date: 5/15/2013

WV

[HB 4085](#)

Description:

Would authorize the Department of Agriculture to promulgate a legislative rule relating to Livestock Care Standards.

Status: Introduced 1/18/2016; Died in Committee

Failed

WV

[HB 4201](#)

Creating the Livestock Care Standards Board

Description:

Would create a Livestock Care Standards Board to prescribe standards for livestock care and well-being.

Status: Effective 6/11/2010

Passed

Pass Date: 4/22/2010

WV

[SB 237](#)

Captive Cervid Farming Act

Description:

Would regulate captive cervid farming as an agricultural enterprise.

Passed

Pass Date: 4/15/2015

WV

[SB 84](#)

Description:

Would authorize the Commissioner of Agriculture to promulgate a legislative rule relating to livestock care standards.

Status: Introduced 2/8/2017

Pending

WV

[SB 86](#)

Description:

Would permit the Livestock Care Board to establish standards for equine boarding facilities.

Status: Introduced 1/14/2015; Died in Committee

Failed

WY

[HB 12](#)

Contagious and infectious diseases among livestock

Description:

Would require the state veterinarian to keep an official record of all livestock animals tested for tuberculosis and submit a copy of the record to state and federal animal health officials.

Passed

Pass Date: 2/12/2013

WY

[HB 126](#)

Description:

Would make a person (other than a law enforcement officer) guilty of interference with an agricultural operation if the person: knowingly or intentionally records an image of or sound from the operation by concealing or placing a recording device on the premises of the operation without the consent of the owner or manager; obtains access to the operation under false pretenses; while employed, records an image or sound if the person knew at the time they accepted employment that the owner prohibited recording an image or sound from the operation.

Would require any person to report concerns of animal cruelty within 48 hours to any peace officer employed with local government.

Status: Engrossed 2/5/2013; Died in Chamber

Failed

WY

[HB 193](#)

Description:

Amending the crimes of cruelty to animals and aggravated cruelty to animals.

Status: Introduced 1/25/17

Pending

WY

SB 76

Civil trespass to collect data-amendments

Description:

Would make an individual guilty of civil trespass if that person enters onto private land for the purpose of collecting resource data if they do not have an ownership interest in the real property, authorization to enter the private land to collect the resource data; or the written or verbal permission of the owner, lessee or agent of the owner to enter.

Passed

Pass Date: 3/16/2016

WY

SF 12

Trespassing to collect data

Description:

A person is guilty of trespassing to collect resource data if the person enters onto the land without an ownership interest in the real property or, statutory, contractual or other legal authorization to enter or access the land to collect resource data; or written or verbal permission of the owner, lessee or agent of the owner.

Passed

Pass Date: 3/10/2015

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