

# Production Practices US Legislation

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**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*

**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

**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 3021](#)**

## **Farm animals: egg-laying hens: confinement**

Description:

This bill would require that on and after January 1, 2020, a farm owner or operator in California not confine an egg-laying hen in an enclosure with less than 144 square inches of usable floor space per egg-laying hen. On and after January 1, 2024, a farm owner or operator in California shall not confine an egg-laying hen in an enclosure with less than the amount of usable floor space per egg-laying hen required by the 2017 edition of the United Egg Producers' Animal Husbandry Guidelines for U.S. Egg-Laying Flocks: Guidelines for Cage-Free Housing, or in an enclosure other than a cage-free housing system. This bill would also apply to any eggs sold within the state of California.

Status: Engrossed on 5/30/2018

*Pending*

**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 an 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**

**[Proposition 12](#)**

**California Farm Animal Confinement Ballot Initiative**

Description:

The initiative, if approved, would establish new minimum space requirements for confining veal calves, breeding pigs and egg-laying hens in the state, and would require that all laying hens would be required to be raised in a cage-free environment by the end of 2021. It would also prohibit the sale of products from animals not raised according to the conditions set forth by the measure.

The question is set to appear on the November 6, 2018 ballot.

It is backed by the Humane Society of the United States, ASPCA, Animal Legal Defense Fund, Compassion Over Killing, World Animal Protection, In Defense of Animals, The Humane League, Mercy for Animals, Animal Equality and several other activist groups.

*Passed*

Pass Date: 11.6.2018

**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

**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

**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**

**[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**

**[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*

**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

**IA**

**[HF 2408](#)**

**Regulating Egg Sales**

Description:

This bill would require grocery stores participating in a federal program to carry conventional eggs if they also provide an inventory of "specialty" (cage-free, free-range or enriched colony) eggs. The bill would not require a grocery store to stock eggs if it does not stock specialty eggs for sale or stock conventionally produced eggs for sale if it had not stocked eggs for sale prior to January 1, 2018.

*Passed*

Pass Date: 3/21/2018

**IL**

**[HB 1697](#)**

**Bovine Tail Docking**

Description:

Would prohibit the tail docking of any bovine.

Status: Failed 1/8/2013

*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*

**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*

**MI**

**[SB 660](#)**

Description:

The bill would amend the state's Animal Industry Act to prohibit a farm owner or operator from confining an animal for all or the majority of the day in such a way that prevents the animal from lying down, standing up, fully extending its limbs and turning around freely. The bill would apply to egg-laying hens starting October 12, 2025 and gestating sows starting April 1, 2020.

Status: Enrolled 12/6.2018

*Pending*

**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 taht 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*

**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*

**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*

**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 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**

[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 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; died in committee

*Failed*

**NY**

[AB 1076](#)

Description:

Would prohibit the tail docking of horses and cattle.

Status: Introduced 1/9/2013; 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 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 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 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**

**[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*

**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.

Effective Jan. 1, 2018, veal calves must be housed in group pens by 10 weeks of age. Additionally, whether housed in individual stalls or group pens the calves must be allowed to turn around and cannot be tethered. Also effective Jan. 1, tail docking on dairy cattle can only be performed by a licensed veterinarian and if only medically necessary.

Status: Effective 3/31/2010

*Passed*

Pass Date: 3/31/2010

**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 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

**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; 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; died in chamber

*Failed*

**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 7456](#)**

**Unlawful Confinement Of A Covered Animal**

Description:

The bill prohibits the confinement of a covered animal in a manner that prevents the animal from turning around freely, lying down, standing up or fully extending its limbs. Egg farms have until 2026 to comply.

*Passed*

Pass Date: 7/2/2018

**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**

**[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

**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**

**[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 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*

**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**

**[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

**For More Information:**

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