

## All RI Legislation

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**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; died in chamber

*Failed*

**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; died in chamber

*Failed*

**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; 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 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*

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