LFA Legislative Report
November 8, 2015
**US - HR152 Corolla Wild Horses Protection Act**

Last Action: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 62. (April 20, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Walter B. Jones, Jr. (R)

Summary: (This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

Corolla Wild Horses Protection Act

Directs the Department of the Interior to enter into an agreement with the Corolla Wild Horse Fund, Currituck County, North Carolina, and the state of North Carolina to provide for the management of free-roaming wild horses in and around the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge.

Requires that such agreement: (1) allow a herd of between 110 and 130 free-roaming wild horses in and around the Refuge; (2) provide for cost-effective management of such horses while ensuring that natural resources within the Refuge are not adversely impacted; (3) provide for the introduction of a small number of free-roaming wild horses from the herd at Cape Lookout National Seashore as is necessary to maintain the genetic viability of the herd in and around the Refuge; and (4) require such Fund to pay the costs of inspecting the health of the horses, maintaining records, coordinating the removal and placement of such horses, and administering a viable population control plan for the horses.

Prohibits the removal of any horse from the Seashore for introduction at the Refuge except with the approval of the Foundation for Shackleford Horses Inc. and consistent with the memorandum of understanding between the National Park Service and the Foundation and the management plan for the Shackleford Banks Horse Herd.

Declares that nothing in this Act shall be construed as creating liability of the United States for any damages caused by the free-roaming wild horses to any person or property located inside or outside the boundaries of the Refuge.

**US - HR291 Water in the 21st Century Act**

Last Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans. (March 2, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Grace F. Napolitano (D)

Summary: Water in the 21st Century Act or W21

This bill establishes within the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) a WaterSense program to identify, label, and promote water efficient products, buildings, landscapes, facilities, processes, and services.

This bill establishes a program to provide financial incentives for consumers to purchase and install products, buildings, landscapes, facilities, processes, and services labeled under the WaterSense program.

The EPA is required to make grants to owners or operators of water systems to address any ongoing or forecasted impact of climate change on a region's water quality or quantity.

The Department of the Interior may: (1) provide financial assistance to water projects in specified states, including projects for water recycling, enhanced energy efficiency, and water storage and
conveyance; and (2) transfer to nonfederal entities title to any reclamation projects or facility in need of rehabilitation that are authorized before enactment of this Act.

The U.S. Geological Survey must establish an open water data system to advance the availability, timely distribution, and widespread use of water data and information for water management, education, research, assessment, and monitoring purposes.

This bill reauthorizes through FY2020 the Water Desalination Act of 1996 and water resources research and technology institutes under the Water Resources Research Act of 1984.

After receiving a request from a nonfederal sponsor, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers must review the operation of a reservoir and, if appropriate, update the water control manual to incorporate improved weather and runoff forecasting methods.

The EPA is required to develop voluntary national drought resilience guidelines relating to preparedness planning and investments for water users and providers.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service must prepare a salmon drought plan for California.

**US - HR332** To amend the National Marine Sanctuaries Act to prescribe an additional requirement for the designation of marine sanctuaries off the coast of Alaska.

Last Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans. (March 2, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Representative Don Young (R)**

Summary: This bill amends the National Marine Sanctuaries Act to prohibit the Department of Commerce from designating as a national marine sanctuary an area of the marine environment off the coast of Alaska seaward of the high tide line unless an Act of Congress requires Commerce to make the designation and prescribes the boundaries of the designated area.

**US - HR335** Multinational Species Conservation Funds Reauthorization Act of 2015

Last Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands. (March 2, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Representative Don Young (R)**

Summary: Multinational Species Conservation Funds Reauthorization Act of 2015


This bill amends the Great Ape Conservation Act of 2000 to authorize Department of the Interior to award a multi-year grant to carry out a project that is an effective, long-term conservation strategy for great apes (chimpanzees, gorillas, bonobos, orangutans, or gibbons) and their habitats. Interior is required to convene a panel of experts to identify the greatest needs and priorities for the conservation of great apes within a year of this Act's enactment and every five years thereafter. Current law authorizes Interior to convene a panel to consider the greatest conservation needs every two years. The panel is required to consider relevant great ape conservation plans or strategies.

This bill amends the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2004 to make a wildlife management
authority of a U.S. territory eligible for financial assistance for marine turtle conservation.

**US - HR564 Endangered Salmon and Fisheries Predation Prevention Act**

Last Action: Subcommittee Hearings Held. (July 23, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Representative Jaime Herrera Beutler (R)**

Summary: **Endangered Salmon and Fisheries Predation Prevention Act**

This bill amends the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to authorize the Department of the Interior to issue one-year permits to Washington, Oregon, Idaho, the Nez Perce Tribe, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, and the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission for the lethal taking on the waters of the Columbia River or its tributaries of sea lions that are part of a healthy population that is not listed as an endangered species or threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 in order to protect endangered and threatened species of salmon and other nonlisted fish species. These permits may be renewed by Interior.

The permits may authorize the lethal taking of 10 sea lions or fewer. The cumulative annual taking of sea lions each year under all such permits is limited to 1% of the annual potential biological removal level.

These permits are exempted from environmental review requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 for five years.

Interior may suspend the issuance of such permits if, after five years, lethal removal authority is no longer necessary to protect salmonid and other fish species from sea lion predation.


Last Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands. (March 16, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Representative Don Young (R)**

Summary: **African Elephant Conservation and Legal Ivory Possession Act of 2015**

This bill reauthorizes the African Elephant Conservation Act (AECA) through FY2020.

Ivory may be imported or exported under the AECA and the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) if: (1) the raw ivory or worked ivory is solely for a museum; (2) it was lawfully importable into the United States on February 24, 2014, regardless of when it was acquired; or (3) the worked ivory was previously lawfully possessed in the United States.

The Department of the Interior may station one U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service law enforcement officer in the primary U.S. diplomatic or consular post in each African country that has significant population of African elephants to assist local wildlife rangers in protecting the elephants and facilitating the apprehension of individuals who illegally kill them or assist in killing them.

Interior must certify a finding that a county is a significant transit or destination point for illegal ivory trade and report the certification to the President for the purposes of the Pelly Amendment to the Fishermen's Protective Act of 1967. The Pelly Amendment authorizes the President to embargo
wildlife products when the Interior certifies that a country is engaging in trade or certain actions that diminishes the effectiveness of an international agreement for the conservation of endangered or threatened species.

This bill authorizes under the AECA and ESA: (1) the possession, sale, delivery, receipt, shipment, or transportation of African elephant ivory that has been lawfully imported or crafted in the United States, and (2) the importation of a sport-hunted African elephant trophy if the country in which the elephant was taken had elephants that are listed on Appendix II of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) at the time the trophy was taken.

**US - HR746 AWARE Act**

Last Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture. (February 27, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Earl Blumenauer (D)

Summary: *Animal Welfare in Agricultural Research Endeavors Act or the AWARE Act*

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

**US - HR843 Western Great Lakes Wolf Management Act of 2015**

Last Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands. (March 16, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative John Kline (R)

Summary: *Western Great Lakes Wolf Management Act of 2015*

This bill prohibits any wolf of the species Canis lupus in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan from being treated under any status of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, including as an endangered species, a threatened species, an essential experimental population, or a nonessential experimental population.

Each of those states are given exclusive jurisdiction over the management of those wolves within its borders.

**US - HR884** To direct the Secretary of the Interior to reissue final rules relating to listing of the gray wolf in the Western Great Lakes and Wyoming under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and for other purposes.

Last Action: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources. (February 11, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Reid J. Ribble (R)

Summary: *This bill requires the Department of the Interior to reissue: (1) the final rule published on December 28, 2011, that removed the gray wolf in the Western Great Lakes Distinct Population Segment from the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and that removed the designation of critical habitat for that wolf in Minnesota and Michigan; and (2) the final rule published on September 10, 2012, that removed the gray wolf in Wyoming from the list and removed the Yellowstone Experimental Protection Area that was established to facilitate reintroduction of the wolf.*
Rules reissued under this Act are not subject to judicial review.

**US - HR1095 BEST Practices Act**

Last Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel. (August 13, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Henry C. "Hank Johnson," Jr. (D)

Summary: Battlefield Excellence through Superior Training Practices Act or the BEST Practices Act Requires the Department of Defense (DOD), no later than: (1) October 1, 2018, to develop, test, and validate human-based training methods for training members of the Armed Forces in the treatment of combat trauma injuries, with the goal of replacing live animal-based training methods; and (2) October 1, 2020, to use only use human-based training methods for such purposes. Prohibits the use of animals in such training after the latter date. Requires DOD to submit an annual report to Congress regarding the development and implementation of the human-based training methods.


Primary Sponsor: Representative Katherine M. Clark (D)

Summary: Pet and Women Safety Act of 2015 Amends the federal criminal code to prohibit threats or acts of violence against a person's pet under the offenses of stalking and interstate violation of a protection order. Defines "pet" to mean a domesticated animal that is kept for pleasure rather than for commercial purposes. Requires the "full amount of the victim's losses" for purposes of restitution in domestic violence and stalking offenses to include any costs incurred for veterinary services relating to physical care for the victim's pet. Directs the Department of Agriculture to award grants to eligible entities to carry out programs to provide specified housing assistance, support services, and training of relevant stakeholders to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking and their pets. Expresses the sense of Congress that states should encourage the inclusion of protections against violent or threatening acts against the pet of the person in domestic violence protection orders.

**US - HR1282 Horse Transportation Safety Act of 2015**

Last Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit. (March 5, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Steve Cohen (D)

Summary: Horse Transportation Safety Act of 2015 Prohibits a person from transporting a horse in interstate commerce in a motor vehicle (except a vehicle operated exclusively on rail or rails) containing two or more levels stacked on top of one another. Prescribes civil penalties for persons who knowingly violate such prohibition.
**US - HR1321** Microbead-Free Waters Act of 2015  
Last Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (March 6, 2015)  
Primary Sponsor: Representative Frank Pallone, Jr. (D)  
Summary: Microbead-Free Waters Act of 2015  
Amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to prohibit, beginning January 1, 2018, the distribution of a cosmetic that contains synthetic plastic microbeads.

**US - HR1515** Safe Hydration is an American Right in Energy Development Act of 2015  
Last Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy. (March 20, 2015)  
Primary Sponsor: Representative Janice D. Schakowsky (D)

**US - HR1599** Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act of 2015  
Last Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (July 24, 2015)  
Primary Sponsor: Representative Mike Pompeo (R)  
Summary: Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act of 2015  
**TITLE I--FOOD SAFETY AFFIRMATION FOR CERTAIN PLANT PRODUCTS**  
**Subtitle A--Food and Drug Administration**  
(Sec. 101) This bill amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to continue the voluntary consultation process established under the FDA’s "Statement of Policy: Foods Derived from New Plant Varieties." In that process, the FDA evaluates a scientific and regulatory assessment provided by the developer of a food produced from, containing, or consisting of a plant that is a genetically engineered organism (GMO). The FDA may require a GMO food to have a label that informs consumers of a material difference between the GMO food and a comparable food if the disclosure is necessary to protect public health and safety or to prevent the label from being false or misleading. The use of a GMO does not, by itself, constitute a material difference.  
**Subtitle B--Department of Agriculture**  
(Sec. 111) This bill amends the Plant Protection Act to allow the sale of a GMO food (including imported food and excluding plant pests) only if the FDA has determined through the consultation process that the GMO food is as safe as comparable foods and that determination has been shared with the Department of Agriculture (USDA). The FDA and USDA must report on implementation of this process. A GMO plant may be sold for research, to produce a processing aid or enzyme, or as a nutrient source for microorganisms without meeting these requirements.  
USDA must publish a list of GMO plants that can be sold as food and the determinations made by the FDA and USDA regarding those foods.  
(Sec. 113) State and local requirements for GMO food are preempted by this Act.  
**TITLE II--GENETIC ENGINEERING CERTIFICATION**  
(Sec. 201) This bill amends the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to require the Agricultural
Marketing Service (AMS) to establish a voluntary genetically engineered food certification program. This program must be implemented through certifying agents accredited by the AMS.

For a food to be sold as a product produced without genetic engineering (non-GMO), the food must be subject to supply chain process controls that keep the product separated from GMOs and must be produced and handled in compliance with a non-genetically engineered food plan, which is a description of procedures to ensure compliance, monitoring records, and corrective actions in the event of a deviation from the plan.

For food derived from livestock to be sold as non-GMO, the product, livestock, feed, and products used in processing the feed must be produced without GMOs.

A food's label or advertising cannot suggest that non-GMO foods are safer or of higher quality than GMO foods.

For a food to be sold as a GMO food, it must be produced and handled in compliance with a genetically engineered food plan. A GMO food’s label or advertising cannot suggest that it is safer or of higher quality solely because it is GMO.

The AMS must allow a person to voluntarily disclose how a product has been genetically engineered.

Imported products may be labeled as produced with or without genetic engineering if the products have been produced and handled under a genetic engineering certification program that provides safeguards and guidelines at least equivalent to the AMS’s requirements.

(Sec. 203) State and local requirements for the labeling of GMO products are preempted unless the state or local government establishes a program that matches the programs described in this Act.

(Sec. 204) Claims made before enactment of this Act regarding whether a product was produced with or without genetic engineering may continue to be made for 36 months after enactment of this Act. After that period, the claims must meet the standards in this Act. Products from certified organic producers are deemed to be certified non-GMO.

TITLE III--NATURAL FOODS

(Sec. 302) The FDA must regulate the term “natural” on food labeling. (Sec. 303) State and local requirements for the term “natural” are preempted by FDA regulations.
the Department of Commerce, as appropriate, to make publicly available on the Internet the best
scientific and commercial data available that are the basis for the determination of whether a
species is an endangered species or a threatened species, including each proposed regulation for
the listing of a species.
The departments are prohibited from making the information publicly available when: (1) the public
disclosure of the information is prohibited by state law relating to the protection of personal
information, and (2) the state makes a request to a department to withhold the information.

**US - HR1668 Save Our Water Act**

Last Action: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H2362) (April 22, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: [Representative Tom McClintock (R)]

**US - HR1772 Delaware River Basin Conservation Act of 2015**

Last Action: Subcommittee Hearings Held. (July 23, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: [Representative John C. Carney, Jr. (D)]

Summary: **Delaware River Basin Conservation Act of 2015**
Requires the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to establish a nonregulatory
Delaware River Basin restoration program, under which it shall: (1) draw on management plans for
the Basin or portions of the Basin and work in consultation with applicable management entities,
including representatives of the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary, the Delaware River Basin
Commission, the federal government, other state and local governments, and regional and nonprofit
organizations, to identify, prioritize, and implement restoration and protection activities within the
Basin; (2) adopt a Basin-wide strategy that supports the implementation of a shared set of
science-based restoration and protection activities, targets cost-effective projects with measurable
results, and maximizes conservation outcomes with no net gain of federal full-time equivalent
employees; and (3) establish voluntary grant and technical assistance programs in accordance with
this Act.
Defines "Basin" as the four-state Delaware Basin region, including all of Delaware Bay and portions
of Delaware, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania located in the Delaware River watershed.
Requires the USFWS to: (1) establish the Delaware River Basin restoration grant program to
provide competitive matching grants to carry out restoration and protection activities within the
Basin, and (2) develop criteria for such grant program to ensure that funded activities accomplish
specified purposes and advance the implementation of priority actions or needs identified in the
strategy adopted under this Act.
Authorizes the USFWS to contract with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation or another
organization that offers grant management services.

**US - HR1826 Fishing Economy Improvement Act**

Last Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans. (April 30, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan

**US - HR1830 Water Rights Protection Act**

Last Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans. (May 7, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Scott R. Tipton (R)

Summary: Water Rights Protection Act

Prohibits the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture from:
- conditioning or withholding the issuance, renewal, amendment, or extension of any permit, approval, license, lease, allotment, easement, right-of-way, or other land use or occupancy agreement (permit) on the limitation or encumbrance of any water right or the transfer of any water right to the United States or any other designee, or any other impairment of any water right under state law by federal or state action;
- requiring any water user (including a federally recognized Indian tribe) to apply for or acquire a water right in the name of the United States under state law as a condition of such a permit;
- asserting jurisdiction over groundwater withdrawals or impacts on groundwater resources, unless consistent with state groundwater resource laws, regulations, and policies; or
- infringing on the rights and obligations of a state in evaluating, allocating, and adjudicating state waters originating on or under, or flowing from, land owned or managed by the federal government.

**US - HR1942 Safeguard American Food Exports Act of 2015**

Last Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture. (May 15, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Frank C. Guinta (R)

Summary: Safeguard American Food Exports Act of 2015

Amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to deem equine (horses and other members of the equidae family) parts to be an unsafe food additive or animal drug.

Prohibits the knowing sale or transport of equines or equine parts in interstate or foreign commerce for purposes of human consumption.

**US - HR1945 Targeted Use of Sanctions for Killing Elephants and Rhinoceros Act of 2015**

Last Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands. (May 19, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Peter A. DeFazio (D)

Summary: Targeted Use of Sanctions for Killing Elephants and Rhinoceros Act of 2015

This bill amends the African Elephant Conservation Act to make it a policy to prevent additional African elephant ivory from entering global commerce, and to reduce demand for ivory that is driving elephant poaching by limiting natural resources-related trade with countries whose nationals are engaged in illegal ivory trade.

The Department of Commerce shall issue a certification under the Fishermen's Protective Act of 1967 authorizing the President to prohibit the importation of any products from any country identified by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)
Standing Committee as a significant source or transit or destination point for illegal ivory trade. The President, acting through the Department of the Interior, shall enter into consultations with the offending country, within 30 days after receiving a certification, to obtain an agreement under which the country will immediately and significantly reduce, and will commit to terminating, all illegal ivory trade into, out of, or within that country.

If such consultations are not concluded within 90 days or if the country refuses to enter into consultations, the President shall direct the Department of Commerce to prohibit the importation into the United States of wildlife, fish, and plant products from that country until the earlier of: the finalizing of the agreement, or the Department finds that the country is no longer a significant source or transit or destination point for illegal ivory trade.

Directs the Secretary, within 180 days after the prohibition, to determine whether: the prohibition is sufficient to cause the offending country to immediately and significantly reduce, and commit to terminating, illegal ivory trade, and that country has retaliated against the United States as a result of that prohibition.

The bill also amends the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act to make the same requirements for U.S. action against the illegal trade in rhinoceros horn.

**US - HR1946 Green 301 Act**

Last Action: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. (April 22, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Earl Blumenauer (D)

Summary: Trade and Environment Enforcement Act or the Green 301 Act

Amends the Trade Act of 1974 to authorize the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) to take certain discretionary trade action against foreign countries that engage in unreasonable acts, policies, or practices that fail to enforce their environmental laws effectively.

Directs the USTR to identify foreign country trade practices that affect negatively the environment of the United States, the foreign country, a third country, or internationally.

**US - HR1951 Offshore Fracking Transparency and Review Act of 2015**

Last Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources. (May 19, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Lois Capps (D)

Summary: Offshore Fracking Transparency and Review Act of 2015

This bill prohibits both hydraulic fracturing and acid well stimulation treatment in the Pacific Outer Continental Shelf Region until the Secretary of the Interior has: (1) reported to Congress on the conduct and impacts of hydraulic fracturing and acid well stimulation treatments in the Region; and (2) issued, in coordination with the Environmental Protection Agency, a final environmental impact statement regarding the impacts upon the marine environment and public health of offshore hydraulic fracturing and acid well stimulation treatments conducted in such Region.

The Secretary must notify all relevant state and local regulatory agencies and publish in the Federal
Register within 30 days: (1) receipt of any application for a permit that would allow either offshore hydraulic fracturing or acid well stimulation treatment in the Region; and (2) the conduct of offshore hydraulic fracturing or acid well stimulation treatment in the Region pursuant to a permit or other authorization issued by the Secretary.

The Secretary shall also maintain and publicize a list of all offshore hydraulic fracturing and acid well stimulation treatments that have taken place in the Region or that take place after enactment of this Act.

**US - HR1952 California Ocean and Coastal Protection Act**

Last Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources. (May 19, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Representative Lois Capps (D)**

Summary: **California Ocean and Coastal Protection Act**

Amends the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit oil and gas preleasing, leasing, and related activities in areas of the Outer Continental Shelf located off the coast of California.

**US - HR1960 Land-Based Marine Debris Reduction Act**

Last Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy. (April 24, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Representative Michael M. Honda (D)**

**US - HR1967 Ocean Acidification Innovation Act of 2015**

Last Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment. (August 18, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Representative Derek Kilmer (D)**

Summary: **Ocean Acidification Innovation Act of 2015**

Amends the Federal Ocean Acidification Research and Monitoring Act of 2009 to authorize any federal agency with a representative serving on the Interagency Working Group on Ocean Acidification, either individually or in cooperation with other agencies, to carry out a program to award prizes competitively under the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 for the purpose of stimulating innovation to advance the nation's ability to understand, research, or monitor ocean acidification or its impacts or to develop management or adaptation options for responding to ocean acidification.

Grants priority to establishing programs that address communities, environments, or industries that are in distress due to the impacts of ocean acidification.

**US - HR1977 COAST Anti-Drilling Act**

Last Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources. (May 26, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Representative Frank Pallone, Jr. (D)**

Summary: **Clean Ocean and Safe Tourism Anti-Drilling Act or the COAST Anti-Drilling Act**

Amends the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from issuing a
lease or other authorization for the exploration, development, or production of oil, natural gas, or any other mineral in either the Mid-Atlantic, South Atlantic, or the North Atlantic planning areas.

Last Action: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources. (April 23, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Dan Newhouse (R)

**US - HR2012** To amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to authorize competitive grants to support programs that address needs of fishing communities.
Last Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans. (May 26, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative William R. Keating (D)

**US - HR2016** Refuge From Cruel Trapping Act
Last Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands. (May 26, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Nita M. Lowey (D)
Summary: Refuge From Cruel Trapping Act
Amends the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to prohibit the use or possession of body-gripping traps in the National Wildlife Refuge System.
Imposes on persons who possess or use such traps in the System: (1) for a first offense, a civil fine of up to $500 for each body-gripping trap possessed or used; and (2) for subsequent offenses, a civil fine of up to $1,000 for each body-gripping trap possessed or used, imprisonment for up to 180 days, or both such a civil fine and imprisonment.
Makes any body-gripping traps that are possessed or used in violation of this Act, and any wildlife captured by the use of such traps, including the pelts and raw fur, subject to civil forfeiture.
Requires persons found to be in violation of such prohibition to pay all associated court costs.

**US - HR2134** Listing Reform Act
Last Action: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources. (April 30, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Pete Olson (R)

**US - HR2236** Transparency for Lethal Control Act
Last Action: Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture. (May 5, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Susan A. Davis (D)
Summary: Transparency for Lethal Control Act
This bill requires the Department of Agriculture’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service to report annually to Congress on the animals killed under the Wildlife Services program or by a state or local entity acting in cooperation with or on behalf of the program. The report must be made publicly available on the Internet and must include: the number of animals killed, species names,
methods used to kill the animals, and reasons for killing the animals.

**US - HR2269 Wildlife VET Act**  
Last Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands. (June 5, 2015)  
Primary Sponsor: **Representative Alcee L. Hastings (D)**

**US - HR2293 Preventing Animal Cruelty and Torture (PACT) Act**  
Last Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations. (June 1, 2015)  
Primary Sponsor: **Representative Lamar Smith (R)**  
Summary: Preventing Animal Cruelty and Torture (PACT) Act  
Amends the federal criminal code to prohibit intentionally engaging in animal crushing in or affecting interstate or foreign commerce or within the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States. (Current law prohibits knowingly creating or distributing an animal crush video.) Adds exceptions for conduct that is for predator or pest control, medical or scientific research, or necessary to protect the life or property of a person from a serious threat caused by an animal.

**US - HR2352 State, Tribal, and Local Species Transparency and Recovery Act**  
Last Action: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources. (May 15, 2015)  
Primary Sponsor: **Representative Randy Neugebauer (R)**

**US - HR2399 Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council Advisory Committee Act**  
Last Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans. (June 10, 2015)  
Primary Sponsor: **Representative Robert E. Latta (R)**  
Summary: Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council Advisory Committee Act  
This bill amends the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act to establish the Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council Advisory Committee to advise the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture on wildlife and habitat conservation, hunting, and recreational shooting. The Advisory Committee must advise the departments on policies or programs related to: implementing Executive Order No. 13443: Facilitation of Hunting Heritage and Wildlife Conservation; conserving and restoring wetlands, agricultural lands, grasslands, forest, and rangeland habitats; promoting opportunities for and access to hunting and shooting sports on federal lands; recruiting and retaining new hunters and shooters; increasing public awareness of the importance of wildlife conservation and the benefits of recreational hunting and shooting; and encouraging coordination among the public, the hunting and shooting sports community, wildlife conservation groups, states, tribes, and the federal government.
The bill also specifies requirements for membership, meetings, pay and expenses, administrative support, and annual reports to Congress. The Advisory Committee is exempt from the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The bill abolishes the existing Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council, effective on the date of the first meeting of the Advisory Committee established by this bill.

**US - HR2406 SHARE Act**

Notes: Oppose.

Last Action: Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 21 - 15. (October 8, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Robert J. Wittman (R)

Summary: Sportsmen's Heritage and Recreational Enhancement Act of 2015 or the SHARE Act

This bill revises a variety of existing programs to expand access to, and opportunities for, hunting, fishing, and recreational shooting.

Hunting, Fishing, and Recreational Shooting Protection Act

Components of firearms and ammunition and sport fishing equipment and its components (such as lead sinkers) are exempted from regulations of chemical substances under the Toxic Substances Control Act. The authority of the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to regulate the use of ammunition and fishing tackle based on its lead content is limited.

Target Practice and Marksmanship Training Support Act

The Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act is amended to: (1) increase the proportion of funding from the Act that states may use for acquiring land for public target ranges, and (2) delay by 10 years until 2026 the date after which interest from the wildlife conservation and restoration fund is available for apportionment.

Polar Bear Conservation and Fairness Act of 2015

Interior must issue permits to allow a hunter to import polar bear parts (other than internal organs) if the bear was legally harvested in Canada from an approved population before the May 15, 2008, listing of the polar bear as threatened.

Recreational Lands Self-Defense Act of 2015

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers may not prohibit individuals from possessing a firearm in public areas of a water resources development project.

Recreational Fishing and Hunting Heritage and Opportunities Act

Federal public land management officials must facilitate hunting, fishing, and recreational shooting on certain federal public land.

Hunter and Farmer Protection Act

The bill revises standards for determining what a baited area is for purposes of the prohibition on taking migratory game birds.

The National Park Service (NPS) may not prohibit individuals from transporting bows and crossbows if certain requirements are met.
The NPS may establish hunter access corridors.

Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act Reauthorization of 2015
This bill revises the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act to extend the authority provided to Interior under the Act.

This bill revises and reauthorizes the African Elephant Conservation Act through FY2020.
This bill provides special rules to expand access to federal land and waterways for film crews of five people or fewer.

**US - HR2493 Wounded Warrior Service Dog Act of 2015**

Last Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel. (August 13, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative James P. McGovern (D)
Summary: Wounded Warrior Service Dog Act of 2015
Directs the Secretaries of Defense and Veterans Affairs (VA) to jointly establish the K-9 Companion Corps program for the awarding of grants to assist nonprofit organizations in establishing, planning, designing, and/or operating programs to provide assistance dogs to certain members of the Armed Forces and veterans who have certain disabilities. Defines "assistance dog" to mean a dog specifically trained to perform physical tasks to mitigate the effects of such a disability, except that such term does not include a dog specifically trained for comfort or personal defense.

**US - HR2494 Global Anti-Poaching Act**

Last Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (November 3, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Edward R. Royce (R)

**US - HR2697 Rare Cats and Canids Act of 2015**

Last Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands. (June 15, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Raul M. Grijalva (D)
Summary: Rare Cats and Canids Act of 2015
This bill establishes a Rare Cats and Canids Conservation Fund as a separate account within the Multinational Species Conservation Fund. The Department of the Interior must use amounts in the fund to provide assistance for the conservation of rare felids and rare canids. Grant amounts may not be used for captive breeding unless it is a part of an accredited reintroduction or restoration program.
Rare felids or rare canids are any population in the family Felidae (cats) or Canidae (dogs), respectively, that are listed in the Red List of Threatened Species Maintained by the World Conservation Union as near-threatened, vulnerable, endangered, or critically endangered, excluding any population native to the United States or Canada. Tigers are not considered to be rare felids. Interior may convene an advisory group of individuals representing organizations actively involved in
the conservation of felids and canids.

**US - HR2834** To enact certain laws relating to the environment as title 55, United States Code, "Environment".

Last Action: Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays: 20 - 13. (October 27, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Tom Marino (R)

Summary: This bill replaces certain environmental laws in the United States Code with provisions in the new Title 55, Environment, as part of an effort to consolidate environmental acts found in several sections of the code into one title. Subtitle I of Title 55 contains provisions that establish the Environmental Protection Agency, national environmental policy, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and the Council on Environmental Quality. Subtitle II contains provisions about air quality and air pollution control, including provisions from the Clean Air Act and related laws. A change in wording made in the restatement of existing law enacted by this bill is meant to elucidate the existing law, but not to change the meaning or effect of the existing law.

**US - HR2849** Pet Safety and Protection Act of 2015

Last Action: Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture. (June 23, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Michael F. Doyle (D)

**US - HR2858** Humane Cosmetics Act

Last Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (June 26, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Martha McSally (R)

Summary: Humane Cosmetics Act
This bill prohibits testing cosmetics on animals, effective on the date that is one year after enactment of this Act. No cosmetic may be sold or transported if the final product or any component was developed or manufactured using animal testing after such date, effective three years after enactment of this Act.

**US - HR2910** Mexican Wolf Transparency and Accountability Act

Last Action: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources. (June 25, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Paul A. Gosar (R)

**US - HR2920** Captive Primate Safety Act

Last Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands. (July 14, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Michael G. Fitzpatrick (R)

**US - HR3094** Gulf States Red Snapper Management Authority Act
Last Action: Subcommittee Hearings Held. (October 22, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Garret Graves (R)

**US - HR3136 Enforcement Transparency Act of 2015**

Last Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture. (August 6, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Rod Blum (R)

Summary: Enforcement Transparency Act of 2015
This bill requires the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to issue and publish on its website guidelines relating to the calculation of civil fines for violating provisions of the Animal Welfare Act regarding the transportation, sale, and handling of certain animals. USDA must update the guidelines on a quarterly basis, provide notice on its website prior to making the updates, and publish the updates in the Federal Register.

**US - HR3193 Animal Emergency Planning Act of 2015**

Last Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry. (August 6, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Dina Titus (D)

**US - HR3294 Sanctuary Regulatory Fairness Act of 2015**

Last Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (July 31, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Renee L. Ellmers (R)

Summary: Sanctuary Regulatory Fairness Act of 2015
Directs the Department of Health and Human Services to promulgate a final rule revising federal regulations regarding the importation of nonhuman primates (i.e. chimpanzees, gorillas, orangutans, macaques, and numerous other species) to expand the categories of uses for which nonhuman primates may be imported and distributed to include live nonhuman primates imported into the United States by a certified primate sanctuary for purposes of providing lifetime shelter and care. Requires such rule to establish a process for the certification of facilities as primate sanctuaries for purposes of the importation, shelter, and care of nonhuman primates.

**US - HR3498 Human Cloning Prohibition Act of 2105**

Primary Sponsor: Representative Andy Harris (R)

**US - HR3526 CECIL Act**

Last Action: Referred to House Ways and Means (September 16, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Raul M. Grijalva (D)
**US - HR3546** Big Cat Public Safety Act  
Last Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands. (October 6, 2015)  
Primary Sponsor: Representative Walter B. Jones, Jr. (R)

**US - HR3630** PUGET SOS Act  
Last Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment. (September 29, 2015)  
Primary Sponsor: Representative Denny Heck (D)

**US - HR3650** State National Forest Management Act of 2015  
Last Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources. (October 16, 2015)  
Primary Sponsor: Representative Don Young (R)  
Summary: State National Forest Management Act of 2015  
This bill directs the Department of Agriculture, through the Forest Service, to convey to a state up to 2 million acres of eligible portions of the National Forest System (NFS) in it that it elects to acquire through enactment by the state legislature of a bill meeting certain criteria. Portions of the NFS conveyed to a state shall be administered and managed primarily for timber production.

**US - HR3880** Stopping EPA Overreach Act of 2015  
Last Action: Referred to House Agriculture (November 3, 2015)  
Primary Sponsor: Representative Gary J. Palmer (R)

**US - HR3893** AIPM Act of 2015  
Last Action: Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture. (November 3, 2015)  
Primary Sponsor: Representative Tulsi Gabbard (D)

**US - HR3939** To require that the workforce of the Environmental Protection Agency be reduced by 15 percent.  
Last Action: Referred to House Science, Space, and Technology (November 5, 2015)  
Primary Sponsor: Representative H. Morgan Griffith (R)

**US - HRES243** Expressing the sense of the House of Representative in respect to promoting a strong national energy policy that supports the innovative and hard-working men and women in the oil and gas industry who have led the charge in a United States energy revolution.  
Last Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Power. (May 8, 2015)  
Primary Sponsor: Representative K. Michael Conaway (R)
Summary: Declares that the House of Representatives supports policies that:
cut through bureaucratic red tape to encourage domestic energy resurgence;
reduce harmful, job-killing regulations; and
eliminate an obsolete, decades-old crude oil export ban to reduce price volatility, increase market
stability, and promote economic growth.

US - S1 Keystone XL Pipeline Approval Act
Last Action: Message on Senate action sent to the House. (March 4, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator John Hoeven (R)
Summary: (This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the Senate on January 29,
2015. The summary of that version is repeated here.)
Keystone XL Pipeline Approval Act
(Sec. 2) Authorizes TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, L.P. to construct, connect, operate, and
maintain the pipeline and cross-border facilities specified in an application filed by TransCanada
Corporation to the Department of State on May 4, 2012.
Deems the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement regarding the pipeline issued by
the Secretary of State in January 2014 to fully satisfy the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969
and any law that requires federal agency consultation or review, including the Endangered Species
Maintains in effect any applicable federal permit or authorization issued before enactment of this
Act.
Grants original and exclusive jurisdiction, except for review in the Supreme Court, to the U.S. Court
of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit over any civil action for the review of a federal agency
action regarding the pipeline and related facilities.
Declares that this Act does not alter any federal, state, or local process or condition in effect on the
date of enactment of this Act that is necessary to secure access from an owner of private property to
construct the pipeline and cross-border facilities.
Allows acquisition of land or an interest in land for the pipeline and cross-border facilities only in a
manner consistent with the Constitution.
(Sec. 3) Directs the Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable
Energy to act as the lead federal agency for coordinating and disseminating information on existing
federal programs and assistance that may be used to help initiate, develop, and finance energy
efficiency, renewable energy, and energy retrofitting projects for schools.
Requires DOE to: (1) carry out a review of existing programs and financing mechanisms available in
or from appropriate federal agencies with jurisdiction over energy financing and facilitation that are
currently used or may be used for such purposes; (2) establish a federal collaborative coordination,
education, and outreach effort to streamline communication and promote available federal
opportunities and assistance for such projects that enables states, local educational agencies, and
schools to use federal opportunities more effectively and to form partnerships with governors, state
energy programs, state and local officials, nonprofit organizations, and other entities to support
(Sec. 1) Requires the General Services Administration, in consultation with DOE, to develop and publish model commercial leasing provisions for use in leasing documents that designate a federal agency as a landlord or tenant that encourage building owners and tenants to invest in cost-effective energy and water efficiency measures.

Requires the Administrator to: (1) develop policies and best practices to implement such measures for the realty services; and (2) make available such model leasing provisions and best practices to state and local governments for use in managing owned and leased building space to encourage investment in such energy and water efficiency measures.

(Sec. 3) Amends the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to require DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy to study the feasibility of: (1) significantly improving energy efficiency in commercial buildings through the design and construction of separate spaces with high-performance energy efficiency measures, and (2) encouraging owners and tenants to implement such measures in separate spaces. Requires the Secretary to publish such study on DOE's website.

(Sec. 4) Requires the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to develop a voluntary Tenant Star program within the Energy Star program to recognize tenants in commercial buildings that voluntarily achieve high levels of energy efficiency in separate spaces. Requires the Administrator of the Energy Information Administration (EIA) to collect data on categories of building occupancy that consume significant quantities of energy and on other aspects of the property, building operation, or building occupancy determined to be relevant to lowering energy consumption. Requires the EIA, with respect to the first such survey conducted after enactment of this Act, to the extent full compliance with the data collection requirements is not feasible, to conduct activities to develop the capability to collect such data and to begin such collection.

TITLE II--GRID-ENABLED WATER HEATERS
(Sec. 201) Amends the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (EPCA) to provide additional energy conservation standards applicable to grid-enabled water heaters for use as part of an electric thermal storage or demand response program (a program that enables customers to reduce or shift their power use during peak demand periods).

Requires annual reports from: (1) manufacturers of such water heaters regarding the quantity of the products shipped each year, and (2) utilities and other demand response and thermal storage program operators regarding the quantity of products activated for their programs.

Requires the Secretary to publish analyses of data collected from such reports and to establish procedures to prevent product diversion if sales of the products exceed by at least 15% the quantity activated for use in the demand response and thermal storage programs annually.

Maintains the standards and publication procedures established by this Act until DOE determines that: (1) such water heaters do not require a separate efficiency requirement, or (2) procedures to prevent product diversion for non-program purposes would not be adequate to prevent such product diversion.

Requires DOE to consider the impact of EPCA electric water heater standards on thermal storage and demand response programs, including on energy savings, electric bills, peak load reduction, electric reliability, integration of renewable resources, and the environment.

Directs DOE to require the water heaters be equipped with communication capability to enable the grid-enabled water heaters to participate in ancillary services programs if the technology is available, practical, and cost-effective.

Makes it unlawful for any person to: (1) activate an activation lock for a grid-enabled water heater with knowledge that it is not used as part of such program, (2) distribute an activation key for such a water heater with knowledge that it will be used to activate a heater that is not used as part of the program, (3) enable such water heater to operate at its designed specification and capabilities with knowledge that it is not used as part of the program, or (4) knowingly remove or render illegible the label of a such water heater.

TITLE III--ENERGY INFORMATION FOR COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

(Sec. 301) Amends the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to revise exceptions to the requirement that federal agencies must lease space in buildings that have earned the Energy Star label.

Requires a space leased by an agency in a building that has not earned the Energy Star label to be benchmarked under a nationally recognized, online, free benchmarking program, with public disclosure. Exempts from such requirement a space for which owners cannot access whole building utility consumption data. Requires an agency that is a tenant of a space that has not earned such label to provide to a building owner, or authorize the owner to obtain from the utility, the energy consumption information of the space for the benchmarking and disclosure requirements.

Requires DOE to study and report on: (1) the impact of state and local performance benchmarking and disclosure policies, and any associated building efficiency policies, for commercial and multifamily buildings and the impact of programs and systems in which utilities provide aggregated information regarding whole building energy consumption and usage information to owners of multitenant commercial, residential, and mixed-use buildings; and (2) best practice policy
approaches that have resulted in the greatest improvements in building energy efficiency.
Directs DOE to maintain, and if necessary create, a database to store and make publicly available
ergy-related information on commercial and multifamily buildings. Requires the database to
complement, but not duplicate, the functions of the EPA Energy Star Portfolio Manager tool.

**US - S27 Wildlife Trafficking Enforcement Act of 2015**

Last Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (January 6, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Dianne Feinstein (D)
Summary: Wildlife Trafficking Enforcement Act of 2015
This bill applies provisions of the federal criminal code concerning money laundering and
racketeering to criminal violations of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, the African Elephant
Conservation Act, and the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994, if the endangered or
threatened species of fish or wildlife, products, items, or substances involved in the violation and
relevant conduct have a total value of more than $10,000. Violators would be subject to increased
fines and years of imprisonment.
The amounts generated from penalties for those wildlife violations must be used for the benefit and
conservation of impacted species.


Last Action: Committee on Environment and Public Works. Hearings held. (May 6, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator John Cornyn (R)
Summary: 21st Century Endangered Species Transparency Act
This bill amends the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require the Department of the Interior or
the Department of Commerce, as appropriate, to make publicly available on the Internet the best
scientific and commercial data available that are the basis for the determination of whether a
species is an endangered species or a threatened species, including each proposed regulation for
the listing of a species.
The departments are prohibited from making the information publicly available when: (1) the public
disclosure of the information is prohibited by state law relating to the protection of personal
information, and (2) the state makes a request to a department to withhold the information.

**US - S388 AWARE Act**

Last Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
(February 5, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Cory A. Booker (D)
Summary: Animal Welfare in Agricultural Research Endeavors Act or the AWARE Act
This bill amends the Animal Welfare Act to apply standards for humane treatment to farm animals at
federal research or laboratory animal facilities.
**US - S405 Bipartisan Sportsmen’s Act of 2015**

Notes: Oppose.

Last Action: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 15. (February 9, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Lisa Murkowski (R)

Summary: Bipartisan Sportsmen’s Act of 2015
This bill revises a variety of existing programs to expand access to, and opportunities for, hunting, fishing, and recreational shooting.


Components of firearms and ammunition and sport fishing equipment and its components (such as lead sinkers) are exempted from regulations of chemical substances under the Toxic Substances Control Act.

The proportion of funding from the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act that states may use for public target ranges is increased.

Interior must issue permits for the importation of polar bear parts taken in sports hunts in Canada before May 15, 2008, which is the date the species was listed as threatened.

The bill revises standards for determining what a baited area is for purposes of the prohibition on taking migratory game birds.

Federal public land management officials must facilitate hunting, fishing, and recreational shooting on certain federal public land. Land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management or the Forest Service must be open for hunting, fishing, and recreational shooting unless the managing agency acts to close the lands.

Small film crews of five people or fewer must obtain a permit and pay an annual fee of $200 for commercial filming on federal land and waterways.

The bill prohibits: (1) the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from promulgating or enforcing regulations that prohibit individuals from possessing a firearm in public areas in water resources development projects, and (2) the National Park Service from promulgating or enforcing regulations that prohibit individuals from transporting bows and crossbows that are not ready for immediate use across the National Park System if they remain inside the vehicle and the possession of the bows and crossbows is in compliance with the law of the state in which the park is located.

Funds from the Land and Water Conservation Fund are allocated for priority projects that secure public access to federal public lands for hunting, fishing, and other recreational purposes.

**US - S411 Natural Gas Gathering Enhancement Act**

Last Action: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Hearings held. (May 14, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator John Barrasso (R)

Summary: Natural Gas Gathering Enhancement Act
Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to grant a right of way for natural gas pipelines through a unit
of the National Park System for a maximum term of 30 years, and a maximum width of 50 feet. Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to permit the use of rights of way for natural gas pipelines through public lands, forest, and other reservations of the United States, and specified national parks in California.

Defines "gas gathering line and associated field compression unit" as: (1) a pipeline installed to transport natural gas production associated with one or more wells drilled and completed to produce oil or gas; and (2) if necessary, a compressor to raise the pressure of that transported natural gas to higher pressures suitable to enable the gas to flow into pipelines and other facilities.

Excludes from such definition any pipeline or compression unit installed to transport natural gas from a processing plant to a common carrier pipeline or facility.

Excludes from federal lands, for purposes of gas gathering line and associated field compression units, any unit of the National Park System, any unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System, a component of the National Wilderness Preservation System, or Indian land.

Deems the issuance of a sundry notice or right-of-way for a gas gathering line and associated field compression unit located on federal or Indian land and servicing an oil well to be an action categorically excluded for purposes of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), if the line and the compression unit are: (1) within a field or unit for which an approved land use plan or an environmental document prepared pursuant to NEPA analyzed transportation of natural gas produced from one or more oil wells in that field or unit as a reasonably foreseeable activity, and (2) located adjacent to or within an existing disturbed area or an existing corridor for a right-of-way. (A "categorical exclusion" is a category of actions which do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment and which have been found to have no such effect in procedures adopted by a federal agency in implementing environmental regulations and for which, therefore, neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is required.)

Applies this categorical exclusion to Indian land if the Indian tribe with jurisdiction over the land requests in writing that the exclusion apply.

Amends the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to direct the Secretary to study permissible actions or proposed changes to federal law which would expedite permitting for gas gathering lines and associated field compression units located on federal land or Indian land to transport natural gas associated with oil and gas production on any land, to a processing plant or a common carrier pipeline for delivery to markets.

Amends the Mineral Leasing Act to direct the appropriate agency head to issue a sundry notice or right-of-way for a gas gathering line and associated field compression unit located on federal land within 90 days after receiving the request for a line and compression unit described in this Act, unless the Secretary or agency head finds that the sundry notice or right-of-way would violate either the National Historic Preservation Act or the Endangered Species Act of 1973.


Last Action: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held. (October 8, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: **Senator Dianne Feinstein (D)**

Summary: **California Desert Conservation and Recreation Act of 2015**
Amends the California Desert Protection Act of 1994 to, among other things: (1) establish or designate national monuments, wilderness areas, a special management area, off-highway vehicle recreation areas, a national scenic area, and an area of critical environmental concern; (2) release specified wilderness study areas; (3) adjust national park and preserve boundaries; and (4) specify land withdrawals, exchanges, and acquisitions.
Directs that specified federal land be taken into trust for the Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Tribe. Authorizes the acquisition of lands and interests in land, including improvements, outside the boundary of Joshua Tree National Park in California for the purpose of operating a visitor center. Makes amendments to the California Desert Protection Act of 1994 regarding the California State School lands.
Amends the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate specified segments of rivers and creeks as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

**US - S556 Bipartisan Sportsmen’s Act of 2015**

Notes: **Oppose.**

Last Action: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Hearings held. (March 12, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Senator Lisa Murkowski (R)**

**US - S659 Bipartisan Sportsmen’s Act of 2015**

Notes: **Oppose.**


Primary Sponsor: **Senator Dan Sullivan (R)**

**US - S888 PREPARE Act**

Last Action: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Hearings held. (April 30, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Senator Brian Schatz (D)**

Summary: **Promoting Regional Energy Partnerships for Advancing Resilient Energy Systems Act or the PREPARE Act**
Directs the Secretary of Energy and the Secretary of the Interior (acting through specified Assistant Secretaries) to provide technical assistance to governmental entities, Indian tribes, and regional and nonprofit organizations to develop energy strategies that harmonize and promote national, regional, and state energy goals.
Sets forth an awards program addressing the uniqueness of the energy challenges facing states and Indian tribes.

**US - S946 Safe Transport for Horses Act**

Last Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (April 15, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Mark Steven Kirk (R)

Summary: Safe Transport for Horses Act
Prohibits a person from transporting a horse in interstate commerce in a motor vehicle (except a vehicle operated exclusively on rail or rails) containing two or more levels stacked on top of one another. Prescribes civil penalties for persons who knowingly violate such prohibition.

**US - S1042 COAST Anti-Drilling Act**

Last Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (April 22, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Robert Menendez (D)

Summary: Clean Ocean and Safe Tourism Anti-Drilling Act or the COAST Anti-Drilling Act
Amends the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from issuing a lease or other authorization for the exploration, development, or production of oil, natural gas, or any other mineral in either the Mid-Atlantic, South Atlantic, or the North Atlantic planning areas.


Last Action: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Hearings held. (May 19, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Ron Wyden (D)

**US - S1081 Refuge from Cruel Trapping Act**

Last Action: Committee on Environment and Public Works. Hearings held. (May 6, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Cory A. Booker (D)

Summary: Refuge from Cruel Trapping Act
Amends the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to prohibit the use or possession of body-gripping traps in the National Wildlife Refuge System. Imposes on persons who possess or use such traps in the System: (1) for a first offense, a civil fine of up to $500 for each body-gripping trap possessed or used; and (2) for subsequent offenses, a civil fine of up to $1,000 for each body-gripping trap possessed or used, imprisonment for up to 180 days, or both such a civil fine and imprisonment. Subjects to civil forfeiture any body-gripping traps that are possessed or used in violation of this Act, and any wildlife captured by the use of such traps, including the pelts and raw fur. Requires persons found to be in violation of such prohibition to pay all associated court costs.
**US - S1140 Federal Water Quality Protection Act**

Last Action: Motion to proceed to consideration of measure withdrawn in Senate. (consideration: CR S7697) (November 3, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator John Barrasso (R)

Summary: Federal Water Quality Protection Act
This bill requires the Department of the Army and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in the interest of protecting traditional navigable waters from water pollution, to adhere to certain principles and take specified actions in proposing any regulation revising the definitions of "waters of the United States" and "navigable waters."

Nothing in this Act:
limits the authority of the Department or EPA to require a permit for any discharge of pollutants to a navigable water under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, or to take any enforcement action with respect to an unpermitted discharge under such Act;
ffects a determination of whether the transfer of water from one body of water to another requires a specified permit under such Act; and
limits the scope of water subject to state jurisdiction under state law.

**US - S1142 Native Species Protection Act**

Last Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (April 30, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Mike Lee (R)

**US - S1178 Defending Rivers from Overreaching Policies Act of 2015**

Last Action: Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held. (June 10, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Jeff Flake (R)

**US - S1214 John Rainey Memorial Safeguard American Food Exports (SAFE) Act**

Last Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (May 6, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Robert Menendez (D)

Summary: John Rainey Memorial Safeguard American Food Exports (SAFE) Act
Amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to deem equine (horses and other members of the equidae family) parts to be an unsafe food additive or animal drug.
Prohibits the knowing sale or transport of equines or equine parts in interstate or foreign commerce for purposes of human consumption.

**US - S1324 Affordable Reliable Electricity Now Act of 2015**

Last Action: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 283.
Primary Sponsor: **Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R)**

Summary: **Affordable Reliable Electricity Now Act of 2015**

This bill requires the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to meet certain conditions prior to issuing, implementing, or enforcing a rule under the Clean Air Act that: (1) establishes a performance standard for greenhouse gas emissions from new, modified, or reconstructed fossil fuel-fired power plants (new power plants); and (2) addresses carbon dioxide emissions from existing fossil fuel-fired power plants (existing power plants). Specified rules issued by the EPA concerning greenhouse gases from new power plants under the Clean Air Act are nullified.

In issuing those rules for new power plants, the EPA must: (1) place power plants fueled with coal and natural gas into separate categories, and (2) establish a separate subcategory for power plants using coal below a specified average heat content. Before the EPA can establish a greenhouse gas standard based on the best system of emission reduction for new power plants, the standard must first be achieved for at least one year at representative power plants throughout the country. The EPA may not use results obtained from demonstration projects when setting the standard.

In order to regulate carbon dioxide emissions from existing power plants, the EPA must issue state-specific model plans demonstrating how each state can meet the required greenhouse gas emission reductions. States need not adopt or implement a state plan, or be subject to a federal plan, that addresses carbon dioxide emissions from existing power plants upon a determination that the plan would negatively affect: (1) economic growth, competitiveness, and jobs; (2) the reliability of its electricity system; or (3) electricity ratepayers by causing rate increases. The bill extends the compliance dates of those rules for existing power plants pending final judicial review.

State noncompliance with any of those rules for new or existing power plants does not constitute a reason for imposing a highway project sanction.

The EPA may regulate an existing power plant for either hazardous air pollutants or non-hazardous pollution, but not both.

**US - S1334 Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act of 2015**

Last Action: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 168. (July 28, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Senator Lisa Murkowski (R)**

**US - S1335 North Pacific Fisheries Convention Implementation Act**

Last Action: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably. (May 20, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Senator Dan Sullivan (R)**

**US - S1336 South Pacific Fisheries Convention Implementation Act**

Last Action: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported without
amendment favorably. (May 20, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Brian Schatz (D)

**US - S1523** A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program, and for other purposes.


Primary Sponsor: Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D)

Summary: (Sec. 1) This bill amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (commonly known as the Clean Water Act) to revise the National Estuary Program by requiring the Environmental Protection Agency to make competitive awards to address urgent and challenging issues that threaten the economic and ecological well-being of coastal areas, including:
- extensive seagrass habitat losses,
- recurring harmful algae blooms,
- unusual marine mammal mortalities,
- invasive exotic species,
- jellyfish proliferation limiting community access to water during peak tourism seasons,
- flooding that may be related to sea level rise or wetland degradation or loss, and
- low dissolved oxygen conditions in estuarine waters and related nutrient management.

This bill reauthorizes through FY2020 a program of grants to develop, implement, and monitor comprehensive conservation and management plans for estuaries.


Last Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (June 11, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Kelly Ayotte (R)

Summary: Pet and Women Safety Act of 2015

Amends the federal criminal code to prohibit threats or acts of violence against a person's pet under the offenses of stalking and interstate violation of a protection order. Defines "pet" to mean a domesticated animal that is kept for pleasure rather than for commercial purposes.

Requires the "full amount of the victim's losses" for purposes of restitution in domestic violence and stalking offenses to include any costs incurred for veterinary services relating to physical care for the victim's pet.

Directs the Department of Agriculture to award grants to eligible entities to carry out programs to provide specified housing assistance, support services, and training of relevant stakeholders to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking and their pets.

Expresses the sense of Congress that states should encourage the inclusion of protections against violent or threatening acts against the pet of the person in domestic violence protection orders.

Last Action: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 126. (June 23, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Lisa Murkowski (R)

Summary: (This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

Highlights:
The Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016 provides appropriations for the Department of the Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and related agencies for FY2016. The bill provides annual appropriations for most of the Department of the Interior, including:
- the Bureau of Land Management (BLM),
- the Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS),
- the National Park Service (NPS),
- the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS),
- the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management,
- the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement,
- the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement,
- the Bureau of Indian Affairs,
- the Bureau of Indian Education.

It does not include the Bureau of Reclamation, which is considered in the Energy and Water Development appropriations bill.

Related agencies funded in the bill include the Department of Agriculture’s Forest Service, the Department of Health and Human Service’s Indian Health Service (IHS), the Smithsonian Institution, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The bill includes $1.05 billion in emergency funding for Interior and Forest Service fire suppression activities, which is not subject to discretionary spending limits. The bill also requires the statutory discretionary spending limits to be adjusted in FY2016-FY2021 to accommodate additional funding for fire suppression.

Excluding the emergency funding, the bill decreases regular appropriations for the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies below FY2015 levels.

Compared to FY2015 funding levels, the bill increases funding for Interior, the Forest Service, and the IHS, while decreasing funding for the EPA.

Within the Interior budget, the bill increases funding for the BLM, the USFWS, the NPS, the USGS, and the Bureaus of Indian Affairs and Indian Education.

The bill funds the Smithsonian Institution, the NEA, the NEH, and the Council on Environmental Quality at the FY2015 levels.

Also included in the bill are several provisions that affect the ability of agencies to implement policies in areas such as greenhouse gas emissions, air pollution, water quality, endangered species, and
hydraulic fracturing.

Full Summary:
Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016
Provides FY2016 appropriations for the Department of the Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and related agencies.

TITLE I--DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Provides appropriations to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for:
Management of Lands and Resources;
Land Acquisition;
Oregon and California Grant Lands;
Range Improvements;
Service Charges, Deposits, and Forfeitures; and
Miscellaneous Trust Funds.
Prohibits appropriations provided by this bill from being used for: (1) the destruction of healthy, unadopted, wild horses and burros in the care of the BLM or its contractors, or (2) the sale of wild horses and burros that results in their destruction for processing into commercial products.

Provides appropriations to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) for:
Resource Management,
Construction,
Land Acquisition,
the Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund,
the National Wildlife Refuge Fund,
the North American Wetlands Conservation Fund,
Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation,
the Multinational Species Conservation Fund, and
State and Tribal Wildlife Grants.

Provides appropriations to the National Park Service (NPS) for:
Operation of the National Park System,
National Recreation and Preservation,
the Historic Preservation Fund,
Construction,
Land Acquisition and State Assistance, and
the Centennial Challenge.


Permits the NPS to retain specified funds authorized to be disbursed under the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 for the costs of administration of the Land and Water Conservation Fund grants authorized by the Act.

Permits NPS funds to be transferred to the Federal Highway Administration for the Federal Lands Access Program, which was established to improve transportation facilities that provide access to, are adjacent to, or are located within federal lands.
Requires NPS donations to be invested in interest bearing obligations of the United States.
Provides appropriations to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management for Ocean Energy Management.
Provides appropriations to the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement for: (1) Offshore Safety and Environmental Enforcement, and (2) Oil Spill Research.
Provides appropriations to the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement for: (1) Regulation and Technology, and (2) the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund.
Provides appropriations to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) for:
Operation of Indian Programs,
Contract Support Costs,
Construction,
Indian Land and Water Claim Settlements and Miscellaneous Payments to Indians, and the Indian Guaranteed Loan Program Account.
Permits the BIA to contract for services for the Power Division of the San Carlos Irrigation Project.
Limits the use of funds for contracts, grants, compacts, or cooperative agreements with the BIA under the Indian Self-Determination Act or the Tribal Self-Governance Act of 1994.
Permits tribes to return appropriated funds without diminishing the federal government's trust responsibilities, the government-to-government relationship with the tribe, or the tribe's ability to access future appropriations.
Prohibits the use of BIE funds, other than funds provided for assistance to public schools, for the operation of elementary or secondary schools in Alaska.
Limits the number of schools and the expansion of grade levels in individual schools in the BIE school system.
Specifies the distribution of indirect and administrative costs to certain tribes.
Provides appropriations for Departmental Offices, including:
the Office of the Secretary,
Insular Affairs,
the Office of the Solicitor,
the Office of Inspector General, and
the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians.
Provides appropriations for Department-Wide Programs, including:
Wildland Fire Management, including emergency funding for wildfire suppression operations;
the Central Hazardous Materials Fund;
the Natural Resource Damage Assessment Fund; and
the Working Capital Fund.
(Sec. 101) Permits the transfer of funds within bureaus and offices for specified emergencies if: (1) the Secretary of the Interior approves the transfer, (2) funds provided to Interior for emergencies have been exhausted, and (3) funds used under this section are replenished by a supplemental appropriation requested as promptly as possible.
(Sec. 102) Provides for the department-wide expenditure or transfer of funds by the Secretary in the event of specified emergencies.

(Sec. 103) Permits Interior to use appropriations provided in this title for:
- employing temporary or intermittent experts and consultants;
- purchasing and replacing motor vehicles;
- hiring, maintenance, and operation of aircraft;
- hiring of passenger motor vehicles;
- purchasing reprints;
- telephone services in private residences in the field; and
- certain library memberships.

(Sec. 104) Permits the transfer of funds between the BIA, the BIE, and the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians for Indian trust management and reform activities, provided that total funding for historical accounting activities does not exceed funding provided by this bill for that purpose.

(Sec. 105) Permits Interior to redistribute tribal priority allocation and tribal base funds to alleviate funding inequities to address identified unmet needs, dual enrollment, overlapping service areas, or inaccurate distribution methodologies.

(Sec. 106) Authorizes the acquisition of lands and waters for the purpose of operating and maintaining facilities that support visitors to Ellis, Governors, and Liberty Islands in New Jersey and New York.

(Sec. 107) Requires Interior to collect specified Outer Continental Shelf inspection fees.

(Sec. 108) Permits Interior to transfer funds to implement the reorganization of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, subject to reprogramming guidelines.

(Sec. 109) Permits Interior to enter into multiyear cooperative agreements and contracts with nonprofits and other entities for the long-term care and maintenance of excess wild horses and burros on private land.

(Sec. 110) Requires Interior to reissue two final rules removing recovered gray wolves in Wyoming and the Great Lakes from the endangered species list. Exempts the reissuances from judicial review.

(Sec. 111) Directs the USFWS, in carrying out responsibilities to protect threatened and endangered species of salmon, to implement a system of mass marking of salmonid stocks intended for harvest that are released from federally operated or financed hatcheries.

(Sec. 112) Prohibits any proposed new use of the Arizona & California Railroad Company's right of way for conveyance of water unless Interior certifies that the use is within the scope of the right of way.

Prohibits funds from being used for any proposal to approve specified rights-of-way or similar authorizations on the Mojave National Preserve or lands managed by the BLM Needles Field Office.

(Sec. 113) Extends the authorization for certain payments to the Republic of Palau through FY2016.

(Sec. 114) Requires the BLM to issue variances from the requirements of the final rule entitled "Oil and Gas; Hydraulic Fracturing on Federal and Indian Lands" for all wells on land under the jurisdiction of a state or Indian tribe, if state or tribal laws or regulations are in place regarding...
hydraulic fracturing or well stimulation for the purpose of production of natural gas and oil.
(Sec. 115) Prohibits funds from being used to implement, administer, or enforce Secretarial Order
No. 3310, which requires the BLM to inventory and protect public lands with wilderness
characteristics.
(Sec. 116) Increases the authorization of appropriations for the National Park Service's Volunteers
in Parks program.
(Sec. 117) Permits the BIA and the BIE in carrying out work involving cooperation with state, local,
and tribal governments, to record obligations against accounts receivable from the entities, provided
that total obligations at the end of the fiscal year do not exceed total budgetary resources.
(Sec. 118) Extends the authorizations for the Tennessee Civil War Heritage Area, the Augusta
Canal National Heritage Area, and the South Carolina National Heritage Corridor.
(Sec. 119) Prohibits funds from being used to write or issue rules for the sage grouse pursuant to
(Sec. 120) Extends the offshore pay authority, which permits Interior to use Bureau of Ocean
Energy Management and Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement funds to establish
higher minimum pay rates for certain geophysicists, geologists, and petroleum engineers employed
by Interior in the Gulf of Mexico Region.
(Sec. 121) Extends the onshore pay authority, which permits Interior to use BLM and BIA funds to
establish higher minimum pay rates for certain petroleum engineers and petroleum engineering
technicians employed by Interior to carry out the inspection and regulation of onshore oil and gas
operations on public lands.
(Sec. 122) Revises the authorizations of appropriations for certain NPS affiliated areas, including the
American Memorial Park and several historic sites.
(Sec. 123) Amends the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to permit certain funds to
continue to be used for water fowl conservation.
(Sec. 124) Permits Interior enter into cooperative agreements with nonprofit organizations
designated by the Department of Labor under the Older Americans Act of 1965.
(Sec. 125) Amends the Carl Levin and Howard P. "Buck" McKeon National Defense Authorization
Act for Fiscal Year 2015 to provide that certain funding for the Department of the Interior's Payments
In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program is available for FY2015. (PILT compensates local governments for
the presence of federally owned land.)
(Sec. 126) Requires the NPS to directly submit to Congress the annual budget request of the
Roosevelt Campobello International Park Commission.
(Sec. 127) Authorizes a land exchange between Alaska and Interior for the purpose of constructing
a noncommercial single-lane gravel road between the cities of King Cove and Cold Bay to provide
access to emergency medical services via the all-weather airport in Cold Bay.
(Sec. 128) Prohibits funds provided by this bill from being used to implement or enforce the
TITLE II--ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Provides appropriations to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for:
Science and Technology,
Environmental Programs and Management,  
the Hazardous Waste Electronic Manifest System Fund,  
the Office of Inspector General,  
Buildings and Facilities,  
Hazardous Substance Superfund,  
the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund Program,  
Inland Oil Spill Programs, and  
State and Tribal Assistance Grants. 
Permits the EPA to award cooperative agreements to Indian tribes or intertribal consortia to carry out the Agency’s function to implement federal environmental programs required or authorized by law in the absence of an acceptable tribal program.  
Authorizes the EPA to collect and spend pesticide registration service fees.  
Permits the EPA to: (1) transfer funds from the Environmental Programs and Management account to other federal agencies to support the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, and (2) enter into interagency agreements and provide grants to certain entities to support the effort.  
Permits specified funds to be used for the construction, alteration, repair, rehabilitation, and renovation of facilities.  
Requires the EPA to base policies and actions regarding air emissions from forest biomass on the principle that forest biomass emissions do not increase overall carbon dioxide accumulations in the atmosphere when USDA Forest Inventory and Analysis data show that forest carbon stocks in the United States are stable or increasing on a national scale, or when forest biomass is derived from mill residuals, harvest residuals, or forest management activities.  
Permits the EPA to use funds to make grants to federally recognized Indian tribes notwithstanding certain provisions of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (commonly known as the Clean Water Act).  
Permits the EPA to use Environmental Programs and Management funds to provide grants to implement the Southeastern New England Watershed Restoration Program.  
TITLE III--RELATED AGENCIES  
Provides appropriations to the Department of Agriculture for the Forest Service, including for:  
Forest and Rangeland Research;  
State and Private Forestry;  
the National Forest System;  
Capital Improvement and Maintenance;  
Land Acquisition;  
the Range Betterment Fund;  
Gifts, Donations, and Bequests for Forest and Rangeland Research;  
Management of National Forest Lands for Subsistence Uses; and  
Wildland Fire Management, including emergency funding for wildfire suppression operations.  
Permits Forest Service appropriations to be used for:  
the purchase and use of motor vehicles and aircraft;  
employment of temporary or intermittent personnel;
purchase, erection, and alteration of buildings and other public improvements;
acquisition of land and waters;
expenses pursuant to the Volunteers in the National Forest Act of 1972;
uniforms; and
debt collection contracts.
Permits Forest Service appropriations to be transferred to the Wildland Fire Management account
for forest fire fighting, emergency rehabilitation of burned-over or damaged lands or waters, and fire
preparedness due to severe burning conditions, provided that USDA notifies Congress that all fire
suppression funds will be obligated within 30 days. Requires funds used to be replenished by a
supplemental appropriation requested as promptly as possible.
Permits Forest Service appropriations to be used for forest and rangeland research, technical
information, and related forestry and natural resources activities in foreign countries.
Permits Forest Service appropriations to be transferred to the BLM for removal, preparation, and
adoption of excess wild horses and burros from National Forest System lands, and for surveys to
designate the boundaries of the lands.
Prohibits Forest Service appropriations from being transferred using authority provided in several
specified statutory provisions.
Prohibits Forest Service appropriations from being reprogrammed except with prior approval of
Congress and in accordance with procedures contained in the report accompanying this bill.
Limits transfers to the USDA Working Capital Fund and to USDA for Department Reimbursable
Programs (commonly referred to as Greenbook charges).
Limits the use of funds to support the Youth Conservation Corps and the Public Lands Corps.
Permits the Chief of the Forest Service to use specified funds for official reception and
representation expenses.
Provides matching funds to aid conservation projects of the National Forest Foundation and the
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.
Permits funds to be used to provide technical assistance to rural communities and natural
resource-based businesses for sustainable rural development purposes.
Permits Forest Service appropriations to be used for payments to counties within the Columbia
River Gorge National Scenic Area.
Permits Forest Service appropriations to be used to meet the non-federal share requirement
included in a provision of the Older Americans Act of 1965 related to the older American community
service employment program.
Permits specified funds to be assessed for the purpose of performing fire, administrative, and other
facilities maintenance and decommissioning.
Permits specified funds to be used to reimburse the USDA Office of the General Counsel for travel
and related expenses incurred as a result of assistance or participation requested by the Forest
Service at meetings, training sessions, management reviews, land purchase negotiations, and
similar non-litigation related matters.
Permits an individual employed under any project funded under title V of the Older Americans Act of
1965 to be considered a federal employee.
Provides appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services for:
the Indian Health Service (IHS) for Indian Health Services, Contract Support Costs, and Indian Health Facilities;
the National Institutes of Health for the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences; and
the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Provides appropriations to Other Related Agencies, including the:
Executive Office of the President for the Council on Environmental Quality and Office of Environmental Quality;
the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board;
the Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation;
the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development;
the Smithsonian Institution;
the National Gallery of Art;
the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts;
the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars;
the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities, including the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and the National Endowment for the Humanities;
the Commission of Fine Arts;
the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation;
the National Capital Planning Commission;
the Holocaust Memorial Museum; and
the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission.

TITLE IV--GENERAL PROVISIONS
Sets forth permissible, restricted, and prohibited uses for funds provided by this and other appropriations Acts.

(Sec. 401) Prohibits funds provided by this bill from being used to promote public support or opposition to: (1) any legislative proposal before Congress, or (2) any proposed or pending regulation, administrative action, or order issued by an executive branch agency.

(Sec. 402) Prohibits any appropriation contained in this bill from remaining available for obligation beyond the current fiscal year unless expressly permitted in this bill.

(Sec. 403) Requires specified administrative expenses to be presented in annual budget justifications and approved by Congress.

(Sec. 404) Prohibits funds from being used to accept or process applications for a patent for any mining or mill site claim located under the general mining laws, subject to exceptions.

(Sec. 405) Extends limits on the use of FY1994-FY2013 and FY2014 funds for contract support costs on Indian contracts.

(Sec. 406) Limits the use of FY2016 funds for contract support costs on Indian contracts.

(Sec. 407) Permits Forest Service land management plans that are more than 15 years old if USDA is acting in good faith to update the plans.

(Sec. 408) Prohibits funds provided by this bill from being used to conduct preleasing, leasing, and related activities under either the Mineral Leasing Act or the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act.
within the boundaries of a National Monument.

(Sec. 409) Restricts land acquisition funds provided by this bill from being used for declarations of taking or complaints in condemnation without the approval of Congress. Includes an exception for funds provided to implement the Everglades National Park Protection and Expansion Act of 1989, or for Florida to acquire lands for Everglades restoration.

(Sec. 410) Sets forth requirements regarding the sale of timber from a specified region in Alaska.

(Sec. 411) Prohibits no-bid contracts and grants except under certain circumstances where a contract is authorized by federal law or was awarded prior to the date of enactment of this bill.

(Sec. 412) Requires agencies receiving funds in this bill to post on their public websites any report required to be submitted by Congress if it serves the national interest. Includes exceptions for national security or proprietary information.

(Sec. 413) Establishes grant guidelines for the NEA.

(Sec. 414) Establishes priorities for programs administered by the NEA.

(Sec. 415) Directs Interior, the EPA, the Forest Service, and the IHS to provide Congress with quarterly reports on the status of balances of appropriations.

(Sec. 416) Directs the President to submit a comprehensive report to Congress detailing all federal agency funding for climate change programs, projects, and activities in FY2015 and FY2016.

(Sec. 417) Prohibits funds from being used for certain federal implementation plans under the Clean Air Act for states that have failed to submit a satisfactory plan to implement emission standards related to any air pollutant being regulated as part of any proposed or final rule to address carbon dioxide emissions from existing sources that are fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units.

(Sec. 418) Prohibits funds from being used to promulgate or implement any regulation requiring the issuance of permits under the Clean Air Act for carbon dioxide, nitrous oxide, water vapor, or methane emissions resulting from biological processes associated with livestock production.

(Sec. 419) Prohibits the use of any funds to implement any provision in a rule that requires mandatory reporting of greenhouse gas emissions from manure management systems.

(Sec. 420) Amends the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to extend the authority of federal agencies to establish, collect, and retain fees on federal recreational lands and waters.

(Sec. 421) Prohibits funds from being used to develop, adopt, implement, administer, or enforce any change to the regulations and guidance in effect on October 1, 2012, pertaining to the definition of waters under the jurisdiction of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (commonly known as the Clean Water Act) including specified rules pertaining to the jurisdiction.

(Sec. 422) Amends the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2000 to extend the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission. Prohibits the Commission from issuing a solicitation or contract for construction of the memorial for FY2016.

(Sec. 423) Prohibits any funds made available by a drinking water treatment revolving loan fund as authorized by the Safe Drinking Water Act from being used for a project for the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a public water system or treatment works unless all of the iron and steel products used in the project are produced in the United States, subject to specified exceptions and waiver procedures.

(Sec. 424) Prohibits the EPA from using funds provided by this bill for a national primary or
secondary ambient air quality standard for ozone that is lower than the standard in effect on January 1, 2015, until at least 85% of the counties that were nonattainment areas as of January 30, 2015, under that standard achieve full compliance with the previous standard.

(Sec. 425) Prohibits funds from being used to regulate the lead content of ammunition, ammunition components, or fishing tackle under the Toxic Substances Control Act or any other law.
(Sec. 426) Extends contracting authority that permits USDA and Interior to consider local contractors when awarding contracts for certain activities on public lands.
(Sec. 427) Amends the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998 to extend the authorization of appropriations through FY2017.
(Sec. 428) Amends the Clean Water Act to prohibit sewage dumping into the Great Lakes and to establish a Great Lakes Cleanup Fund in the Treasury.
(Sec. 429) Amends the Healthy Forest Restoration Act of 2003 to make technical corrections to provisions regarding stewardship contracting.
(Sec. 430) Extends the authority of the Forest Service to renew certain grazing permits.
(Sec. 431) Prohibits funds provided by this bill from being used to implement or enforce any regulation that would establish new financial responsibility requirements pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA).
(Sec. 432) Prohibits any federal agency from using funds provided by this bill to develop, adopt, implement, enforce, or administer guidance in specified regulations regarding the consideration of greenhouse gas emissions and the effects of climate change in conducting reviews under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).
(Sec. 433) Amends the Agricultural Act of 2014 to make a technical correction to the Good Neighbor Authority to state that existing roads must be repaired or reconstructed to a satisfactory condition to perform authorized restoration services including removal of timber. (The Good Neighbor Authority permits the Forest Service to enter into cooperative agreements or contracts with states to perform watershed restoration and forest management services on National Forest System lands.)

TITLE V--WILDFIRE DISASTER FUNDING
(Sec. 501) Amends the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to require specified adjustments to discretionary spending limits in FY2016-FY2021 to accommodate appropriations for wildfire suppression operations in the Wildland Fire Management accounts at USDA or Interior.
(Sec. 502) Requires USDA or Interior to submit a request for supplemental appropriations to Congress upon determining that additional funding is necessary for a fiscal year for wildfire suppression operations. Establishes reporting requirements.


Last Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (July 15, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Steve Daines (R)](https://www.senate.gov/)
**US - S1918** Conserving Ecosystems by Ceasing the Importation of Large (CECIL) Animal Trophies Act  
Last Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (August 3, 2015)  
Primary Sponsor: **Senator Robert Menendez (D)**

**US - S2194** Clean Cookstoves and Fuels Support Act  
Last Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S7472-7473) (October 22, 2015)  
Primary Sponsor: **Senator Susan M. Collins (R)**  
Summary: Clean Cookstoves and Fuels Support Act  
This bill directs the Department of State to work to advance the goals of the Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves.  
For working with the Alliance appropriations are authorized for the State Department, the U.S. Agency for International Development, the Department of Energy, the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Science Foundation, the Department of Agriculture, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Peace Corps.

**US - S2240** A bill to improve the control and management of invasive species that threaten and harm Federal land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior, and for other purposes.  
Last Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (November 4, 2015)  
Primary Sponsor: **Senator John Barrasso (R)**

**US - SJRES22** A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to the definition of "waters of the United States" under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.  
Last Action: Message on Senate action sent to the House. (November 5, 2015)  
Primary Sponsor: **Senator Joni Ernst (R)**  
Summary: (This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary of that version is repeated here.)  
Nullifies the rule submitted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to the definition of "waters of the United States" under the Clean Water Act and published on June 29, 2015.
**US - SJRES23** A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Standards of Performance for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from New, Modified, and Reconstructed Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units".

Last Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (text of measure as introduced: CR S7492) (October 26, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Mitch McConnell (R)

**US - SJRES24** A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units".

Last Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (October 26, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R)

**AK - HB14** BAN PLASTIC MICROBEADS IN COSMETICS

Last Action: REFERRED TO RESOURCES (January 21, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Andrew Josephson (D)

Summary: An Act banning the manufacture, sale, or offering for sale of a cosmetic that contains plastic microbeads; and providing for an effective date.

**AK - HJR10** OPPOSE ANWR WILDERNESS DESIGNATION

Last Action: PERMANENTLY FILED 9/1 LEGIS RESOLVE 1 (October 24, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Benjamin Nageak (D)

Summary: Opposing the revised Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; opposing attempts by President Obama to alter management of the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; encouraging the United States Congress to reject a proposal based on the revised Comprehensive Conservation Plan or accompanying Environmental Impact Statement; and encouraging the United States Congress to reject a proposal that does not open the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas development.

**AK - HJR24** LIFT FEDERAL LAND WITHDRAWALS

Last Action: PERMANENTLY FILED 9/1 LEGIS RESOLVE 20 (October 24, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Wes Keller (R)

Summary: Urging the federal government to honor its commitments to transfer land to the state; and urging the United States Secretary of the Interior and the United States Congress to adhere to the recommendations of the United States Department of the Interior in its 2006 report under the Alaska
Land Transfer Acceleration Act, including lifting withdrawals.

**AZ - SB1386** Wildlife transportation and release prohibition
Last Action: Final disposition: Held awaiting committee of whole (March 4, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Steve Pierce (R)

**AZ - SCM1012** Endangered species transparency act
Last Action: Transmitted to: Secretary of state (March 19, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Gail Griffin (R)
Summary: Summary as HouseEngrossed

**CA - AB96** Animal parts and products: importation or sale of ivory and rhinoceros horn.
Last Action: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 475, Statutes of 2015. (October 4, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Toni G. Atkins (D)
Summary: Summary as Assembly Floor Analysis

**CA - AB147** Postsecondary education: animal research.
Last Action: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 551, Statutes of 2015. (October 7, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Matthew Dababneh (D)
Summary: Summary as Assembly Floor Analysis

**CA - AB290** Game mammals: wild pig depredation.
Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Frank Bigelow (R)

**CA - AB353** Protected species: take: Bouquet Canyon: habitat restoration project.
Last Action: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 620, Statutes of 2015. (October 8, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Tom Lackey (R)
Summary: Summary as Assembly Floor Analysis

**CA - AB498** Wildlife conservation: wildlife corridors.
Last Action: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 625, Statutes of 2015. (October 8, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Marc Levine (D)
Summary: Summary as Assembly Floor Analysis

**CA - AB559** Monarch butterflies: conservation.
Last Action: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 478, Statutes of 2015. (October 4, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Patty Lopez (D)
Summary: Summary as Assembly Floor Analysis

CA - AB665 Hunting or fishing: local regulation.
Last Action: Re-referred to Com. on APPR. pursuant to Assembly Rule 77.2. (September 10, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Jim Frazier (D)
Summary: Summary as Assembly Floor Analysis

CA - AB888 Waste management: plastic microbeads.
Last Action: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 594, Statutes of 2015. (October 8, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Richard Bloom (D)
Summary: Summary as Assembly Floor Analysis

CA - AB1259 Bees: apiculture: state-owned lands.
Last Action: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 380, Statutes of 2015. (September 30, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Marc Levine (D)
Summary: Summary as Assembly Floor Analysis

CA - AB1543 Animals: abuse.
Last Action: Re-referred to Com. on PUB. S. (June 24, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember William P. Brough (R)

CA - ACR9 Pet Care Education Month.
Last Action: Referred to Com. on RLS. (January 26, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Kevin McCarty (D)

CA - SB226 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: groundwater adjudication.
Last Action: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 676, Statutes of 2015. (October 9, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Fran Pavley (D)
Summary: Summary as Senate Floor Analyses

CA - SB345 The Sport Fishing Stimulus Act of 2015.
Last Action: June 30 set for first hearing canceled at the request of author. (June 25, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Tom Berryhill (R)
Summary: Summary as Senate Floor Analyses
**CA - SB457** Bobcat Protection Act of 2013.
Primary Sponsor: Senator Jim Nielsen (R)
Summary: [Summary as Senate Natural Resources And Water](#)

**CA - SB625** Waste management: synthetic plastic microbeads.
Last Action: April 29 set for first hearing canceled at the request of author. (April 30, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Cathleen Galgiani (D)
Summary: [Summary as Senate Environmental Quality](#)

**CA - SB716** Animal cruelty: elephants.
Last Action: In Senate. Consideration of Governor's veto pending. (October 3, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Ricardo Lara (D)
Summary: [Summary as Senate Floor Analyses](#)

**CA - SB770** Department of Food and Agriculture: medicated feed.
Last Action: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 806, Statutes of 2015. (October 11, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Tony Mendoza (D)
Summary: [Summary as Assembly Agriculture](#)

**CT - HB5286** AN ACT PROHIBITING THE IMPORT AND SALE OF COSMETICS THAT CONTAIN MICROBEADS.
Last Action: Senate Calendar Number 652 (June 3, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Terry Backer (D)
Summary: To prohibit the import and sale of personal cosmetic products that contain microbeads.

**CT - HB5470** AN ACT BANNING THE SALE OF IVORY IN CONNECTICUT.
Last Action: Change of Reference, Senate to Committee on Environment (February 6, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Rick Lopes (D)
Summary: To ban all sales of ivory in Connecticut.

**CT - HB5700** AN ACT BANNING THE SALE OF IVORY.
Last Action: Referred to Joint Committee on Environment (January 21, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Diana S. Urban (D)
Summary: To prevent the killing of elephants for their ivory tusks.
CT - HB5707 AN ACT REQUIRING CERTAIN HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES THAT CONDUCT RESEARCH USING CATS OR DOGS TO OFFER SUCH CATS OR DOGS TO ANIMAL RESCUE ORGANIZATIONS PRIOR TO EUTHANIZING ANY SUCH CAT OR DOG.

Last Action: Transmitted by Secretary of the State to Governor (June 25, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Diana S. Urban (D)
Summary: To require state and private colleges and universities that use cats or dogs in laboratory research or testing to offer such cats or dogs for adoption by animal rescue organizations after such testing and to establish standards for the provision of proper shelter to dogs.

CT - HB5718 AN ACT BANNING THE SALE OF ELEPHANT IVORY AND RHINOCEROS HORN.

Last Action: Referred to Joint Committee on Environment (January 21, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Roberta B. Willis (D)
Summary: To deter the illegal trade in elephant ivory and rhinoceros horn.

CT - HB5731 AN ACT BANNING THE SALE OF IVORY AND RHINOCEROS HORN IN CONNECTICUT.

Last Action: Referred to Joint Committee on Environment (January 21, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Philip J. Miller (D)
Summary: To prevent the slaughter of elephants and rhinoceroses.

CT - HB6995 AN ACT CONCERNING A RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM.

Last Action: Public Hearing 03/17 (March 13, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Energy and Technology Committee
Summary: To create a residential property assessed clean energy program to help state residents finance and procure home energy efficiency improvements for their homes.

CT - SB579 AN ACT CONCERNING THE HUMANE TREATMENT OF ANIMALS IN ANIMAL SHELTERS.

Last Action: Referred to Joint Committee on Environment (January 22, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Carlo Leone (D)
Summary: To assure the humane treatment of animals in animal shelters.

DC - B386 Fisheries and Wildlife Omnibus Amendment Act of 2015

Last Action: Notice of Intent to Act on B21-0386 Published in the District of Columbia Register (October 2, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Councilmember Phil Mendelson (D)
DE - SB156 AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 7 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE IMPORT, SALE, PURCHASE, TRADE, BARTER OR POSSESSION OF IVORY AND RHINOCEROS HORN.

Last Action: Laid On Table in Senate (June 24, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Karen E. Peterson (D)

Summary: This bill would prohibit a person from purchasing, selling, offering for sale, possessing with intent to sell, or importing with intent to sell ivory or rhinoceros horn, except as specified, and would make this prohibition enforceable by the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control. The bill would make a violation of this act, or any rule, regulation, or order adopted pursuant to this provision a misdemeanor subject to specified criminal penalties. By creating a new crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. In addition to the specified criminal penalties, the bill would authorize the Department to impose a civil penalty of up to $10,000 for a violation of this act or any rule, regulation, or order adopted pursuant to this act. The bill would authorize the Department to permit the purchase, sale, offer for sale, possession with intent to sell, or importation with intent to sell ivory or rhinoceros horn for educational or scientific purposes by a bona fide educational or scientific institution if certain criteria are satisfied.

FL - HB59 Agritourism

Last Action: Pending review of CS under Rule 7.19(c) (November 5, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Neil Combee (R)

Summary: Agritourism; Prohibits local government from enforcing local ordinance, regulation, rule, or policy that prohibits, restricts, regulates, or otherwise limits agritourism activity on land classified as agricultural land; revises definition of "agritourism activity" to include civic & ceremonial activities; provides conditions under which agritourism activities on farms or on lands classified as agricultural lands do not limit, restrict, or divest land of such classification.

FL - HB131 Unattended Persons and Animals in Motor Vehicles

Last Action: Now in Judiciary Committee (October 28, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Dana D. Young (R)

Summary: Unattended Persons and Animals in Motor Vehicles; Provides immunity from civil liability for entry into motor vehicle to remove person or animal; provides for applicability.

FL - HB191 Regulation of Oil and Gas Resources

Last Action: Now in Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee (November 3, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Rodrigues, R.

Summary: Regulation of Oil and Gas Resources; Preempts regulation of all matters relating to exploration, development, production, processing, storage, & transportation of oil & gas; declares
existing ordinances & regulations relating thereto void; provides exception for certain zoning ordinances; revises DEP rulemaking authority; requires permits be obtained before performance of high-pressure well stimulation; deletes provisions requiring Division of Resource Management to get certain approval from municipal governing bodies; requires division to consider additional criteria when issuing permits; authorizes DEP to issue permits for performance of high-pressure well stimulation; requires DEP to conduct study; requires applicants & operators to provide surety; increases maximum amount for civil penalties; requires DEP to designate national chemical registry as state's registry; requires service providers, vendors, & well owners or operators to report certain information to DEP; requires DEP to report certain information to registry; provides that act preempts & supersedes certain regulations & ordinances; provides appropriation. APPROPRIATION: $1,000,000.00

**FL - HB217 Care for Retired Law Enforcement Dogs**

Last Action: Pending review of CS under Rule 7.19(c) (November 5, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Dave Kerner (D)

Summary: Care for Retired Law Enforcement Dogs; Creates Care for Retired Law Enforcement Dogs Program within FDLE; requires FDLE to contract with corporation not for profit to administer & manage program; provides requirements for disbursement of funds for veterinary care of eligible retired law enforcement dogs; places annual cap on funds available for care of eligible retired law enforcement dog; prohibits former handler or adopter from receiving reimbursement if funds are depleted for year for which such reimbursement is sought; provides for administrative fees; provides appropriation. APPROPRIATION: $300,000.00

**FL - HB281 Animals in Vehicles**

Last Action: Withdrawn prior to introduction (October 20, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Kionne L. McGhee (D)

Summary: Animals in Vehicles; Provides noncriminal penalties for driver who allows animal on his or her lap or to be in driver's immediate area; requires person transporting dog in flatbed of truck or open area of vehicle or trailer to keep dog within secured container or securely tethered.

**FL - HB329 Animals Confined in Unattended Motor Vehicles**

Last Action: Referred to Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee (October 30, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Cortes, B.

Summary: Animals Confined in Unattended Motor Vehicles; Prohibits persons from confining animals in unattended motor vehicles under certain circumstances; provides criminal penalties; provides that authorized individuals may use reasonable force to remove animals under certain circumstances; provides exemption from liability for such individuals; provides exception for transportation of agricultural animals; provides that act does not preclude prosecution under any other law.
**FL - HB351 Contaminated Sites**

Last Action: Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee; Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee (October 30, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Representative Brad Drake (R)**

Summary: Contaminated Sites; Defines "background concentration" & "long-term natural attenuation"; requires DEP to include protocols for use of long-term natural attenuation where site conditions warrant; requires that specified interactive effects of contaminants be considered as cleanup criteria; revises how cleanup target levels are applied for surface waters exposed to contaminated groundwater; authorizes use of relevant data & information when assessing cleanup target levels; provides that institutional controls are not required under certain circumstances if alternative cleanup target levels are used; provides additional contamination cleanup criteria for brownfield sites & brownfield areas.

**FL - HB447 Local Government Environmental Financing**

Last Action: Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee; Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee (November 5, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Representative Holly Raschein (R)**

Summary: Local Government Environmental Financing; Designates act as "Florida Keys Stewardship Act"; revises projects that may be funded using specific surtaxes & bond proceeds; authorizes Everglades bonds for City of Key West Area of Critical State Concern; expands types of water management projects eligible for funding; specifies funds for Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern protection program; revises procedures for disposing of certain lands; recognizes degradation of coral reefs; requires specific Florida Forever funds to be spent buying lands in Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern; authorizes land authority to contribute funds for certain land purchases. APPROPRIATION: Indeterminate

**FL - HB489 Shellfish Harvesting**

Last Action: Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee; Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee (November 5, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Representative Brad Drake (R)**

Summary: Shellfish Harvesting; Revises provisions for harvest of shellfish from natural reefs & submerged lands; defines term "shellfish"; prohibits harvest of shellfish by dredges or mechanical harvesting devices unless specifically authorized in certain submerged land or perpetual shellfish leases; provides for Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund instead of DACS to authorize harvest of shellfish by dredges or mechanical harvesting devices in submerged land leases & perpetual shellfish leases; provides that conditions for use of dredges or mechanical harvesting devices in submerged lands leases may be provided as special lease conditions in aquaculture leases; authorizes FWCC to collect fees & issue special activity licenses for vessels using dredges or mechanical harvesting devices to harvest shellfish.
**FL - HB589  Environmental Control**

Last Action: Filed (November 6, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Cary Pigman (R)

Summary: Environmental Control; Prohibits water management districts from modifying or reducing consumptive use permit allocations under certain circumstances; directs districts to adopt rules providing water conservation incentives; revises eligibility requirements for specified license examination; exempts certain constructed clay settling areas from reclamation rate & financial responsibility requirements; directs DEP to adopt classification to protect surface waters used for treated potable water supply; authorizes use of land set-asides & land use modifications in water quality credit trading; provides applicability of certain prohibited variances; excludes certain landfill systems from resource recovery; directs DEP to establish rules concerning use of surface waters for public water supply; directs DEP to add treated potable water supply as a designated use of surface water segment under certain circumstances; provides appropriation. APPROPRIATION: $2,339,764.00

**FL - HB4035  Pesticide Registration**

Last Action: Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee; Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee (November 5, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Neil Combee (R)

Summary: Pesticide Registration; Deletes provisions relating to supplemental registration fees for certain pesticides that contain active ingredients for which EPA has established food tolerance limits.

**FL - HB7005  Environmental Resources**

Last Action: Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee (November 5, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: State Affairs Committee

Summary: Environmental Resources; Provides for publication, update, & maintenance of conservation lands database; provides technical & financial assistance to self-suppliers of water; revises information to be included in annual reports for water quality & water quantity projects; authorizes pilot projects for certain water management districts; requires adoption of minimum flows & levels for Outstanding Florida Springs; requires concurrent adoption of recovery or prevention strategies & minimum flows & levels; provides for Central Florida Water Initiative Area; provides authority to SFWMD for certain allocation & use of water; requires certain monitoring of consumptive use permits; provides for certain preferred water supply sources; prohibits modification of permitted water allocations; provides priority consideration to certain public-private partnerships for water storage, groundwater recharge, & water quality improvements on private agricultural lands; revises & clarifies provisions relating to the Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Program; revises membership qualifications for Harris Chain of Lakes Restoration Council; requires certain funding
plans in water resource development work program; authorizes private landowners to assist in carrying out purposes of WMDs; requires promotion of certain cost-share criteria; requires regional water supply plans & reports to include certain water supply project options; creates the Florida Springs and Aquifer Protection Act; authorizes funding for nutrient & sediment reduction & conservation pilot projects; revises requirements for basin management action plans; provides treated potable water supply as designated use of surface waters; requires DEP & DACS to assess water resources & conservation lands.

**FL - HJR453 Well Stimulation**

Last Action: Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee; Energy and Utilities Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; State Affairs Committee (November 5, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Rodriguez, J.

Summary: Well Stimulation; Proposes amendment to State Constitution to prohibit well stimulation in this state.

**FL - SB200 Animals Confined in Unattended Motor Vehicles**

Last Action: Referred to Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Rules (September 15, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Dorothy L. Hukill (R)

Summary: Animals Confined in Unattended Motor Vehicles; Citing this act as the "Protecting Animal Welfare and Safety Act" or "P.A.W.S. Act"; prohibiting a person from confining an animal in an unattended motor vehicle under certain circumstances; providing a criminal penalty; providing that authorized individuals may use reasonable force to remove animals under certain circumstances; providing an exemption from liability for authorized individuals; providing an exception for the transportation of agricultural animals, etc.

**FL - SB304 Agritourism**

Last Action: Now in Community Affairs (November 3, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Kelli Stargel (R)

Summary: Agritourism; Prohibiting a local government from enforcing any local ordinance, regulation, rule, or policy that prohibits, restricts, regulates, or otherwise limits an agritourism activity on land classified as agricultural land, etc.

**FL - SB334 Severe Injuries Caused by Dogs**

Last Action: Referred to Judiciary; Community Affairs; Rules (October 6, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Bill Montford (D)

Summary: Severe Injuries Caused by Dogs; Specifying circumstances under which a dog that has caused severe injury to a human may be returned to its owner rather than be destroyed, etc.
**FL - SB552 Environmental Resources**

Last Action: Now in Appropriations (November 6, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Charles S. "Charlie" Dean, Sr. (R)

Summary: Environmental Resources; Requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to publish, update, and maintain a database of conservation lands; authorizing certain water management districts to designate and implement pilot projects; prohibiting water management districts from modifying permitted allocation amounts under certain circumstances; creating the "Florida Springs and Aquifer Protection Act", etc.

**FL - SB680 Companion Animals**

Last Action: Filed (October 30, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Jeremy Ring (D)

Summary: Companion Animals; Authorizing the award of damages to an owner for loss of companionship in an action against a veterinarian for the death of his or her companion animal which resulted from the veterinarian’s negligence or recklessness, etc.

**FL - SB732 Greyhound Racing**

Last Action: Filed (November 3, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Christopher L. Smith (D)

Summary: Greyhound Racing; Creating the "Greyhound Safety Act"; prohibiting the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation from granting a license or permit to an applicant convicted of animal cruelty, felony aggravated assault or battery, or felony child abuse; requiring the division to immediately revoke a license or permit of a person convicted of animal cruelty; providing that the division may not commence administrative proceedings and must reinstate a suspended license if the division cannot confirm a positive test result; providing certain requirements for maintaining safe racing facilities and racetrack surfaces, etc.

**FL - SB770 Local Government Environmental Financing**

Last Action: Filed (November 5, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Wilton Simpson (R)

Summary: Local Government Environmental Financing; Citing this act as the “Florida Keys Stewardship Act”; expanding the use of local government infrastructure surtaxes to include acquiring any interest in land for public recreation, conservation, or protection of natural resources or to reduce impacts of new development on hurricane evacuation clearance times; expanding the use of Everglades restoration bonds to include the City of Key West Area of Critical State Concern; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to annually consider certain recommendations to buy specific lands within and outside an area of critical state concern, etc. APPROPRIATION:
Indeterminate

**FL - SJR170 Renewable Energy Source Device**

Last Action: Now in Community Affairs (November 3, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Jeff Brandes (R)

Summary: Renewable Energy Source Device; Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to require the Legislature, by general law, to exempt the assessed value of a renewable energy source device or a component thereof from the tangible personal property tax, to allow the Legislature, by general law, to prohibit the consideration of the installation of such device or component in determining the assessed value of residential and nonresidential real property for the purpose of ad valorem taxation, and to provide effective and expiration dates, etc.

**FL - SR688 Ban on Well Stimulation or Resource Extraction**

Last Action: Filed (October 30, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Eleanor Sobel (D)

Summary: Ban on Well Stimulation or Resource Extraction; Supporting a statewide ban on extreme hydraulic fracturing, acid fracturing, and any form of well stimulation or resource extraction in Florida, etc.

**HI - HB620 Compostable Plastic Products; Biodegradable Plastic Products; Labeling**

Last Action: Report adopted; Passed Second Reading, as amended (SD 1) and referred to WAM. (March 27, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Chris Lee (D)

Summary: Prohibits labeling of a plastic product as "compostable" or "biodegradable" unless it meets appropriate ASTM standards. Effective January 1, 2112. (SD1)

**HI - HB837 Ivory; Rhinoceros Horn; Conservation**

Last Action: Referred to ENE/CPN, JDL/WAM. (March 12, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Karl Rhoads (D)

Summary: Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to enforce and create a registry for ivory and rhinoceros horn items that are intended for sale or purchase within the State; provided the age and species of the items can be documented. Provides that only registered items can be sold or bought. Exempts personal possession, acquisition by inheritance, and certain items with an ivory content of less than twenty percent by volume from registration. (HB837 HD2)

**HI - HB873 Aquatic Life; Aquarium Fish Permit; Conservation**

Last Action: The committee(s) on JUD recommend(s) that the measure be deferred. (March 3, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Kaniela Ing (D)
Summary: Establishes an aquatic life conservation program in the Division of Aquatic Resources to implement conservation measures, including limited entry areas and certification requirements, to regulate the collection of fish and other aquatic life for aquarium purposes. (HB873 HD1)

**HI - HB1012** Wild or Exotic Animal; Unlawful Display or Performance

Last Action: Passed Second Reading as amended in HD 1 and referred to the committee(s) on JUD with Representative(s) DeCoite, Har, Kawakami, Oshiro voting aye with reservations; none voting no (0) and Representative(s) Ito excused (1). (February 20, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Richard P. Creagan (D)
Summary: Requires disclosure of Animal Welfare Act violations for a permit to import wild and exotic animals. Prohibits use, display, and performance of wild and exotic animals that have been confined in a mobile or traveling housing facility. (HB1012 HD1)

**HI - HB1339** Sharks; Rays; Poaching and Commercial Fishing Prohibited

Last Action: The committee(s) on JUD recommend(s) that the measure be deferred. (March 3, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Nicole E. Lowen (D)
Summary: Creates administrative penalties for any person who knowingly captures, kills, or takes any shark or manta ray within state marine waters. Provides exemptions for native Hawaiian gathering rights and cultural practices, research purposes, and public and personal safety. (HB1339 HD1)

**HI - HB1478** Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary Program; Appropriation

Last Action: Conference Committee Meeting will reconvene on Friday, 05-01-15 at 4:15 PM in Conference Room 423. (May 1, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Kaniela Ing (D)
Summary: Establishes the state program to co-manage the federally established Hawaiian Islands humpback whale national marine sanctuary. Establishes a sanctuary co-manager position. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

**HI - SB131** Genetically Engineered Material; Labeling Requirements

Last Action: Report adopted; Passed Second Reading and referred to CPN/WAM. (February 20, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran (D)
Summary: Establishes, beginning January 1, 2016, labeling requirements for any food or raw agricultural commodity sold in the State that contains a genetically engineered material, or was produced with a genetically engineered material; establishes exceptions; establishes violations; requires the director of health to adopt rules.
**HI - SB141** Penal Code; Display or Performance of Wild or Exotic Animals

Last Action: Referred to CPN, JDL. (January 22, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran (D)***

Summary: Establishes a misdemeanor for the commercial display or performance of a live wild or exotic animal unless the animal will physically reside in Hawaii for more than three hundred days in the twelve-month period after entering the State. Exempts certain accredited entities.

**HI - SB575** Environment; Environmental Protection; Health; Synthetic Plastic Microbeads; Prohibition; Personal Care Products; Plastic Pollution Special Fund; General Fund

Last Action: Referred to ENE/HTH, JDL/WAM. (January 26, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Senator Russell E. Ruderman (D)***

Summary: Beginning on January 1, 2016, prohibits the sale of personal care products that contain synthetic plastic microbeads, excluding personal care products that contain synthetic plastic microbeads that are less than one part per million by weight, natural exfoliants, and personal care products that contain only biodegradable synthetic plastic microbeads. Establishes the plastic pollution special fund and requires violators to pay a fine that is deposited into the general fund and the plastic pollution special fund.

**HI - SB689** Environment; Environmental Protection; Health; Plastic Microbeads; Prohibition; Personal Care Products

Last Action: Report adopted; Passed Second Reading, as amended (SD 1) and referred to JDL/WAM. (February 20, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Senator Mike Gabbard (D)***

Summary: Prohibits the sale of personal care products that contain plastic microbeads beginning on December 31, 2017. Requires violators to pay a fine. (SD1)

**HI - SB720** Spinner Dolphins; Taking

Last Action: Referred to WTL, JDL. (January 28, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Senator Rosalyn H. Baker (D)***

Summary: Prohibits the taking of a spinner dolphin.

**HI - SCR48** DLNR; Marine Conservation; Spinner Dolphins; Sea Mammals; Sea Turtles

Last Action: Referred to OMH, FIN, referral sheet 46 (April 6, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Senator Rosalyn H. Baker (D)***

**IA - HR31** A resolution recognizing the importance of soils to Iowa’s future prosperity and healthy environment.
Primary Sponsor: By Wills

**IL - HB133 FOOD LABELING-SEAFOOD**
Last Action: Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee (April 24, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative André M. Thapedi (D)
Summary: Amends the Illinois Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. Provides that any label of fresh, frozen, or processed fish or shellfish, wild or farm raised, offered for sale at wholesale or retail shall clearly identify (1) the species of fish or shellfish by its common name, (2) whether the fish or shellfish was farm raised or wild caught, and (3) whether the fish or shellfish was caught domestically or imported. Provides that a retail food facility that sells or offers for sale any fresh, frozen, or processed fish or shellfish, wild or farm raised, may not knowingly misidentify or misbrand (1) the country of origin of the fish or shellfish or (2) whether the fish or shellfish was farm raised or wild caught. Sets forth provisions concerning misbranding and the presumption of knowledge.

**IL - HB433 WILDLIFE-USE OF SUPPRESSORS**
Primary Sponsor: Representative Brandon W. Phelps (D)
Summary: Amends the Wildlife Code. Removes a prohibition on the use of a silencer or other device to muffle or mute the sound of the explosion or report resulting from the firing of any gun. Provides that no person shall, carry, possess, transport or use a silencer, suppressor or other device to muffle or mute the sound of the explosion or report resulting from the firing of any gun for the taking of game, unless such silencer, suppressor, or device is in compliance with the National Firearms Act. Any game animal regulated under this Act may be taken within its season with a silencer, suppressor, or device to muffle or mute the sound of the explosion or report resulting from the firing of any gun. A silencer, suppressor, or device to muffle or mute the sound of the explosion or report resulting from the firing of any gun may be used when taking wildlife in accordance with a specified provision concerning the authority to kill wildlife responsible for damage. Effective immediately.

**IL - HB490 WILDLIFE-BOBCAT HUNTING**
Last Action: Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee (March 27, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative C.D. Davidsmeyer (R)
Summary: Amends the Wildlife Code. Removes the prohibition on taking bobcats in the State. Provides that it shall be unlawful for any person to trap or to hunt bobcats with gun, dog, dog and gun, or bow and arrow, except during the open season which will be set annually by the Director of Natural Resources between 12:01 a.m., November 1 to 12:00 midnight, February 15, both inclusive. Provides that the season limit for bobcat shall not exceed one bobcat per person per season. Provides that the pelts of bobcats shall be tagged in accordance with federal regulations and the
Department of Natural Resources may require harvest registration and set forth procedures, fees for registration, and the process of tagging pelts in administrative rules. Provides that bobcats may be taken during the open season by use of a small light which is worn on the body or hand-held by a person on foot and not in any vehicle.

**IL - HB2589 DO NOT ADOPT REGISTRY**

Last Action: Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee (March 27, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Silvana Tabares (D)

Summary: Amends the Humane Care for Animals Act. Provides that, upon entering a conviction for a violation of specified provisions of the Act, or of specified provisions of the Criminal Code of 2012, by a defendant 18 years of age or older, the presiding judge shall notify the defendant that he or she must register with the national Do Not Adopt Registry. Provides that the defendant shall register with the national Do Not Adopt Registry within 10 days after the conviction and shall register annually for 10 years after the conviction. Provides that failure to properly register as required under the Act shall be a business offense with a fine of $100 for the first offense, $500 for the second offense, and $1,000 for the third or subsequent offense. Provides that any animal shelter, pet store, animal breeder, or person shall conduct a search of the national Do Not Adopt Registry prior to selling, transferring, delivering, or placing for adoption a companion animal to another person.

**IL - HB3235 CROSSBOW HUNTING-ARCHERY SEAS**

Last Action: Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee (April 24, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Jerry F. Costello, II (D)

Summary: Amends the Wildlife Code. Provides that any person may use a crossbow to take any animal during the appropriate archery season. Effective immediately.

**IL - HB3261 LION MEAT ACT**

Last Action: Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee (March 27, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Luis Arroyo (D)

Summary: Creates the Lion Meat Act. Provides that it is unlawful for any person to slaughter a lion or for any person to possess, breed, import or export from this State, buy, or sell lions for the purpose of slaughter. Provides that it is unlawful to commercialize lion meat. Authorizes the Department of Agriculture to adopt and enforce any rules necessary to carry out the provisions of the Act. Provides that whoever violates any provision of the Act shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor. Effective immediately.

**IL - HB3585 ANIMAL DEVOCALIZATION**

Last Action: Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee (March 27, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Silvana Tabares (D)
Summary: Amends the Humane Care for Animals Act. Provides that no person, except a veterinarian licensed in this State, using anesthesia, may surgically debark or silence a dog or cat. Provides that a veterinarian conducting a debarking procedure must file a written certification with the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, stating that the surgical debarking or silencing is medically necessary to treat or relieve an illness, disease, or injury, or correct a congenital abnormality that is causing or will cause the dog or cat medical harm or pain. Provides that violation of this provision is a Class 3 felony and may have a fine of not more than $2,500 imposed or imprisoned up to 5 years, or both fined and imprisoned.

IL - HB3699 HUNTER&FISHERMAN INTERFERENCE
Last Action: Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee (March 27, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Jerry F. Costello, II (D)
Summary: Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Provides that the exemption from a violation of the statute concerning hunter or fisherman interference for landowners, tenants, or lease holders exercising their legal rights to the enjoyment of land does not apply when those actions are knowingly or intentionally interfering with the lawful taking of wildlife or aquatic life by an adjacent landowner, tenant, or lease holder.

IL - HB3773 ANIMAL ABUSE REGISTRY
Primary Sponsor: Representative Silvana Tabares (D)
Summary: Amends the State Finance Act. Creates the Animal Abuse Registry Fund. Amends the Humane Care for Animals Act. Provides that the Department of Agriculture shall create and maintain an animal abuse registry. Provides that any person 18 years of age or older that resides in or is domiciled in this State that has been convicted of cruel treatment, aggravated cruelty, or animal torture shall register with the Department of Agriculture within 30 calendar days after the date of conviction to be placed on the animal abuse registry. Failure to register is a Class B misdemeanor for a first offense and a Class 4 felony for a subsequent violation. Prohibits a registered person from owning a companion animal or being employed at an animal shelter, pound, pet shop, zoo, or other business where companion animals are present.

IL - HB3899 EXOTIC ANIMAL MEAT PROCESSING
Last Action: Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee (March 27, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative David Reis (R)
Summary: Amends the Wildlife Code. Provides that exotic wild animals, or any parts thereof, may be held, possessed, sold or otherwise dealt with by licensed meat processors or meat processing facilities. Makes conforming changes.
**IL - HB3907 INC TX- PET ADOPTION CREDIT**

Last Action: Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee (March 27, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Michael W. Tryon (R)

Summary: Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that each individual taxpayer is entitled to a credit in an amount equal to any adoption fees paid by the taxpayer during the taxable year in connection with the adoption of a cat or dog from a county animal control facility, a humane society, or an animal rescue organization, but not to exceed $100 per taxpayer in any taxable year. Provides that the credit may not be claimed for more than 3 animals in a taxable year. Provides that the credit is exempt from the Act's automatic sunset provisions. Effective immediately.

**IL - HB4000 HUMANE ANIMAL EUTHANASIA**

Last Action: Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee (April 24, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Robert Rita (D)

Summary: Amends the Humane Euthanasia in Animal Shelters Act. Changes references from "Director" to "Secretary". Removes a requirement for certified euthanasia technicians to renew his or her certification every 5 years. Makes changes to provisions concerning investigations, hearings, certification of record, criminal penalties, confidentiality, and surrender and restoration of certificates. Provides that the Secretary of Financial and Professional Regulation may summarily suspend the certificate of a euthanasia agency or euthanasia technician without a hearing, simultaneously with the institution of proceedings for a hearing, if the Secretary finds that the evidence indicates that the continued practice of the certified euthanasia agency or technician would constitute cruelty or an imminent danger to the public. Makes other changes.

**IL - HB4297 HIGHER ED-RESEARCH DOGS/CATS**

Last Action: Added Chief Co-Sponsor Rep. Christine Winger (October 1, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Margo McDermed (R)

Summary: Creates the Research Dogs and Cats Adoption Act. Requires (i) an institution of higher education located in this State that receives public funds for scientific, educational, or research purposes or (ii) a facility that provides research in collaboration with an institution of higher education with the use of public funds and that confines dogs or cats for scientific, educational, or research purposes and plans on euthanizing the dog or cat for other than scientific, educational, or research purposes must first offer the dog or cat to an animal rescue organization. Provides exceptions. Sets forth provisions concerning an agreement with an animal rescue organization and immunity.

**IL - HR787 HUNTING AND FISHING DAY**

Last Action: Referred to Rules Committee (October 20, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Brandon W. Phelps (D)
Summary: Designates September 26, 2015 as National Hunting and Fishing Day in Illinois.

**IL - SB106 WILDLIFE-BOBCAT HUNTING**

Last Action: Pursuant to Senate Rule 3-9(b) / Referred to Assignments (October 10, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Wm. Sam McCann (R)

Summary: Amends the Wildlife Code. Removes the prohibition on taking bobcats in the State. Provides that it shall be unlawful for any person to trap or to hunt bobcats with gun, dog, dog and gun, or bow and arrow, except during the open season which will be set annually by the Director of Natural Resources between 12:01 a.m., November 1 to 12:00 midnight, February 15, both inclusive. Provides that the season limit for bobcat shall not exceed one bobcat per permit. Provides that the pelts of bobcats shall be tagged in accordance with federal regulations and the Department of Natural Resources may require harvest registration and set forth procedures, fees for registration, and the process of tagging pelts in administrative rules. Provides that bobcats may be taken during the open season by use of a small light which is worn on the body or hand-held by a person on foot and not in any vehicle.

**IL - SB108 ANIMALS-VETERINARY KENNELS**

Last Action: Rule 3-9(a) / Re-referred to Assignments (March 27, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Ira I. Silverstein (D)

Summary: Amends the Animal Welfare Act. Provides that the definition of "kennel operator" does not include an animal control facility operated directly by a government agency; a veterinary hospital that does not board animals overnight for other than ongoing veterinary treatment; or a person who owns, has possession of, or harbors 5 or fewer females capable of reproduction, unless the animals are being kept overnight for a fee or compensation. Requires veterinary hospitals engaged in boarding services to obtain kennel operator licenses. Requires applicants for original licensure to provide proof of zoning compliance. Provides that the Illinois Department of Agriculture may refuse to issue a license if the applicant, or a known prospective employee of the applicant, has ever been convicted of violating an animal cruelty statute. Provides that the Department shall not (instead of may) suspend or revoke a license if an applicant or licensee has engaged in certain activities or made certain types of misleading statements. Increases licensing fees. Amends the Humane Care for Animals Act. Changes the definition of "animal shelter" to exclude veterinary hospitals or clinics that also operate overnight boarding facilities.

**IL - SB803 WILDLIFE-USE OF SILENCERS**

Last Action: Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 Pursuant to Senate Rule 3-9(b) / Referred to Assignments (October 10, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator William R. Haine (D)

Summary: Amends the Wildlife Code. Removes a prohibition on the use of a silencer or other device
to muffle or mute the sound of the explosion or report resulting from the firing of any gun. Provides that no person shall, carry, possess, transport or use a silencer, suppressor or other device to muffle or mute the sound of the explosion or report resulting from the firing of any gun for the taking of game, unless such silencer, suppressor, or device is in compliance with the National Firearms Act. Any game animal regulated under this Act may be taken within its season with a silencer, suppressor, or device to muffle or mute the sound of the explosion or report resulting from the firing of any gun. A silencer, suppressor, or device to muffle or mute the sound of the explosion or report resulting from the firing of any gun may be used when taking wildlife in accordance with a specified provision concerning the authority to kill wildlife responsible for damage. Effective immediately.

**IL - SB1364 HIGHER ED-RESEARCH DOGS/CATS**

Last Action: Rule 3-9(a) / Re-referred to Assignments (March 27, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Senator Ira I. Silverstein (D)**

Summary: Creates the Research Dogs and Cats Adoption Act. Requires (i) an institution of higher education located in this State that receives public funds for scientific, educational, or research purposes or (ii) a facility that provides research in collaboration with an institution of higher education with the use of public funds and that confines dogs or cats for scientific, educational, or research purposes and plans on euthanizing the dog or cat for other than scientific, educational, or research purposes must first offer the dog or cat to an animal rescue organization. Sets forth provisions concerning an agreement with an animal rescue organization and immunity.

**IL - SB1422 CROSSBOW HUNTING-COYOTES**

Last Action: House Committee Amendment No. 1 Motion to Concur Referred to Assignments; Pursuant to Senate Rule 3-9(b) (October 10, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Senator Neil Anderson (R)**

Summary: Amends the Wildlife Code. Provides that any person may use a crossbow to take coyotes at any time. Effective January 1, 2016.

**IL - SB1739 NUCLEAR SAFETY-DRINKING WATER**

Last Action: **Public Act . . . . . . . . 99-0083 (July 20, 2015)**

Primary Sponsor: **Senator Pamela J. Althoff (R)**

Summary: Amends the Nuclear Safety Law of 2004. Repeals a provision authorizing community water supplies to request that the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) perform analytical services to determine compliance with contaminant levels for radionuclides as specified in State or federal drinking water regulations. Effective immediately.

**IL - SB1824 CRIM CD-DANGEROUS ANIMALS**

Last Action: **House Floor Amendment No. 2 Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee (May 31,**
Primary Sponsor: **Senator Kwame Raoul (D)**

Summary: Amends the Criminal Code of 2012 concerning dangerous animals. Adds a definition of "animal refuge" to the statute on dangerous animals. Provides that the prohibition on possessing dangerous animals does not apply to a properly maintained zoological park accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), circus, college or university, scientific institution, research laboratory, veterinary hospital, hound running area, or animal refuge. Provides that the prohibition on possessing dangerous animals does not prohibit a person who possesses a Class C exhibitor license from the U.S. Department of Agriculture from possessing a dangerous animal or primate; however, after the effective date of the amendatory Act the person may not breed or otherwise acquire a dangerous animal other than an ocelot, margay, lynx, bobcat, jaguarundi, hyena, wolf or coyote, or any poisonous or life-threatening reptile. Provides that the prohibition on possessing dangerous animals does not apply to any motion picture or television production company employing or contracting with a dealer or exhibitor licensed under the federal Animal Welfare Act or with a carrier, intermediate handler, or unlicensed exhibitor registered under that Act for the transportation, purchase, exhibition, or use of dangerous animals in its motion picture or television production. Effective immediately.

**IL - SR1152 PUPPY MILL AWARENESS DAY**

Last Action: Referred to Assignments (November 3, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Senator Julie A. Morrison (D)**

Summary: Designates September 18, 2016 as "Puppy Mill Awareness Day" in the State of Illinois.

**KS - SB97 Allowing contact with certain regulated animals.**

Last Action: Referred to Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources (March 4, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Committee on Natural Resources**

**KS - SB132 Amending statutes concerning dangerous regulated animals.**

Last Action: Referred to Committee on Natural Resources (February 3, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Committee on Federal and State Affairs**

**LA - HB167 HUNTING: Allows year-round night hunting of hogs on private property**

Last Action: Read second time by title and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. (May 20, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Representative Richard T. Burford (R)**

Summary: **Summary as Digest of HB167 Reengrossed**

**LA - HCR140 FISHING/CRAWFISH: Urges the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to examine the**
issue of a wild-caught crawfish fishing season
Last Action: Received in the Senate. Read first time by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading. (May 14, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Eddie J. Lambert (R)
Summary: Summary as Digest of HCR140 Original

LA - HCR154 ANIMALS: Creates a task force to study the collection, appropriation, and use of certain funds for the care of Louisiana domestic animals
Last Action: Read by title, under the rules, referred to the Committee on Judiciary. (May 19, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Thomas P. Willmott (R)
Summary: Summary as Digest of HCR154 Original

LA - HCR156 ENVIRONMENT: Recognizes that the development and implementation of environmental policies shall be cognizant of the rights of our citizens and national and state sovereignty
Last Action: Taken by the Clerk of the House and presented to the Secretary of State in accordance with the Rules of the House. (June 15, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Frank A. Hoffmann (R)
Summary: Summary as Digest of HCR156 Engrossed

MA - H286 An Act to strategically plan for the commercial fishing industry
Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 06/10/2015 from 11:00 AM-01:00 PM in B-1 (June 2, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Ann-Margaret Ferrante (D)
Summary: By Ms. Ferrante of Gloucester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 286) of Ann-Margaret Ferrante and Antonio F. D. Cabral relative to the commercial fishing, shellfish and seafood industries. Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.

MA - H287 An Act relative to thoroughbred horse breeding
Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 11/10/2015 from 01:00 PM-04:00 PM in Holyoke Community College (October 30, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Ann-Margaret Ferrante (D)
Next Hearing: Economic Development and Emerging Technologies (Joint); November 10, 2015 1:00pm EST; Holyoke Community College
Summary: By Ms. Ferrante of Gloucester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 287) of Ann-Margaret Ferrante relative to thoroughbred horse breeding. Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.
MA - H621 An Act instructing the Massachusetts Department of Fish & Game to study the feasibility of repurposing the former Moon Island Sewage Treatment Plant for the purposes of fish and shellfish farms

Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 11/05/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in B-1 (October 27, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Bruce J. Ayers (D)
Summary: By Mr. Ayers of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 621) of Bruce J. Ayers and others relative to instructing the Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game to study the feasibility of re-purposing the former Moon Island Sewage Treatment Plant for the purposes of fish and shellfish farm. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

MA - H625 An Act relative to bow hunting for deer in Wompatuck State Park

Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 11/10/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (November 2, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Garrett J. Bradley (D)
Next Hearing: Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (Joint); November 10, 2015 1:00pm EST; Division of Fisheries and Wildlife
Summary: By Mr. Bradley of Hingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 625) of Garrett J. Bradley and James M. Murphy relative to bow hunting for deer in Wompatuck State Park. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

MA - H626 An Act to create the Department of Agricultural Resources and Marine Fisheries

Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 11/05/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in B-1 (October 27, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Antonio F. D. Cabral (D)
Summary: By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 626) of Antonio F. D. Cabral and Ann-Margaret Ferrante for legislation to establish a department of agricultural resources and marine fisheries. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

MA - H630 An Act An act regulating boarding kennels and daycare facilities for dogs

Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 10/28/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in B-1 (October 20, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative James M. Cantwell (D)
Summary: By Mr. Cantwell of Marshfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 630) of James M. Cantwell, Louis L. Kafka and Carolyn C. Dykema for legislation to authorize the Department of Agricultural Resources to promulgate rules and regulations governing boarding kennels and daycare facilities for dogs. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

MA - H634 An Act relative to pet grooming

Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 10/28/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in B-1 (October 20, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative James M. Cantwell (D)
Summary: By Mr. Cantwell of Marshfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 634) of James M. Cantwell for legislation to establish a pet grooming license. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

MA - H636 An Act relative to the feeding of wildlife
Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 10/28/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in B-1 (October 20, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Gailanne M. Cariddi (D)
Summary: By Ms. Cariddi of North Adams, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 636) of Gailanne M. Cariddi and Benjamin B. Downing for legislation relative to the feeding of wildlife. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

MA - H644 An Act relative to federally regulated renewable energy facilities
Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 10/27/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in B-1 (October 20, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Brendan P. Crighton (D)
Summary: By Mr. Crighton of Lynn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 644) of Brendan P. Crighton relative to certain federally regulated renewable energy facilities. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

MA - H646 An Act improving recycling in the Commonwealth
Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 10/27/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in B-1 (October 20, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Mark J. Cusack (D)
Summary: By Representative Cusack of Braintree and Senator Moore, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 646) of Mark J. Cusack, Michael Moore and others relative to the development of economically sound and environmentally progressive solid waste management strategies to improve recycling. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

MA - H649 An Act relative to the importation of animals for rescue
Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 10/28/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in B-1 (October 20, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Daniel M. Donahue (D)
Summary: By Mr. Donahue of Worcester (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 649) of Craig Olson and others relative to procedures and regulations of transporting domestic animals. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

MA - H658 An Act relative to the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife
Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 11/10/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (November 2, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Carolyn C. Dykema (D)
Next Hearing: Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (Joint); November 10, 2015 1:00pm EST; Division of Fisheries and Wildlife
Summary: By Ms. Dykema of Holliston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 658) of Carolyn C. Dykema and others that the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife promulgate regulations relative to wildlife and management of natural and water resources. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

**MA - H659** An Act preventing the disposal of hydraulic fracturing wastewater
Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 10/20/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in A-2 (October 14, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Lori A. Ehrlich (D)
Summary: By Ms. Ehrlich of Marblehead, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 659) of Lori A. Ehrlich and others relative to hydraulic fracturing wastewater. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

**MA - H667** An Act relative to the conservation of striped bass
Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 11/05/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in B-1 (October 27, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Kimberly N. Ferguson (R)
Summary: By Mrs. Ferguson of Holden, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 667) of Kimberly N. Ferguson and Stephen L. DiNatale for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) to examine the status of wild striped bass in the Commonwealth. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

**MA - H669** An Act relative to the scientific strategic planning of the Commonwealth’s fishery
Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 11/05/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in B-1 (October 27, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Ann-Margaret Ferrante (D)
Summary: By Ms. Ferrante of Gloucester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 669) of Ann-Margaret Ferrante relative to managing fisheries and shellfisheries. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

**MA - H672** An Act expanding the powers of the Director of Fisheries and Wildlife
Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 11/10/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (November 2, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Paul K. Frost (R)
Next Hearing: Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (Joint); November 10, 2015 1:00pm EST; Division of Fisheries and Wildlife
Summary: By Mr. Frost of Auburn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 672) of Paul K. Frost
relative to the powers and duties of the Director of Fisheries and Wildlife in the management and control of wildlife. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

**MA - H673 An Act relative to beavers**

Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 11/10/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (November 2, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Representative Paul K. Frost (R)**

Next Hearing: Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (Joint); November 10, 2015 1:00pm EST; Division of Fisheries and Wildlife

Summary: By Mr. Frost of Auburn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 673) of Paul K. Frost and Kevin J. Kuros for legislation to repeal the law relative to the use of leghold traps for capturing furbearing animals. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

**MA - H677 An Act to regulate hydraulic fracturing**

Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 10/20/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in A-2 (October 14, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Representative Sean Garballey (D)**

Summary: By Mr. Garballey of Arlington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 677) of Sean Garballey and others for legislation to further regulate the use of hydraulic fracturing to stimulate the extraction of natural gas. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

**MA - H699 An Act relative to conserving bluefin tuna**

Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 11/05/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in B-1 (October 27, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Representative Peter V. Kocot (D)**

Summary: By Mr. Kocot of Northampton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 699) of Peter V. Kocot for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the population and control of fishing for Bluefin Tuna. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

**MA - H700 An Act relative to inshore resource depletion**

Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 11/05/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in B-1 (October 27, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Representative Peter V. Kocot (D)**

Summary: By Mr. Kocot of Northampton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 700) of Peter V. Kocot for legislation to establish rules and regulations for the fishing of herring within the waters of the Commonwealth. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

**MA - H709 An Act conserving our natural resources**

Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 11/10/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in Division of Fisheries and
Wildlife (November 2, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Stephen Kulik (D)

Next Hearing: Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (Joint); November 10, 2015 1:00pm EST; Division of Fisheries and Wildlife

Summary: By Mr. Kulik of Worthington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 709) of Stephen Kulik and others for legislation to regulate the use of trapping devices to take beaver and muskrat. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

**MA - H713** An Act to promote the care and well-being of livestock

Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 10/28/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in B-1 (October 20, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Stephen Kulik (D)

Summary: By Mr. Kulik of Worthington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 713) of Stephen Kulik and others for legislation to direct the Commissioner of Agricultural Resources to establish a livestock care and standards board to ensure the humane keeping and treatment of livestock. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

**MA - H714** An Act to Establish a Beaver Damage Control Commission

Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 11/10/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (November 2, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Kevin J. Kuros (R)

Next Hearing: Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (Joint); November 10, 2015 1:00pm EST; Division of Fisheries and Wildlife

Summary: By Mr. Kuros of Uxbridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 714) of Kevin J. Kuros for an investigation by a special commission relative to the impact of beaver dams in the Commonwealth. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

**MA - H722** An Act relative to beaver dam emergencies

Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 11/10/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (November 2, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Paul McMurtry (D)

Next Hearing: Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (Joint); November 10, 2015 1:00pm EST; Division of Fisheries and Wildlife

Summary: By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 722) of Paul McMurtry and Kevin J. Kuros for legislation to facilitate the issuance of trapping permits to alleviate beaver dam emergencies. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

**MA - H728** An Act relative to the use of shotguns
Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 11/10/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (November 2, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative David Muradian (R)
Next Hearing: Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (Joint); November 10, 2015 1:00pm EST; Division of Fisheries and Wildlife
Summary: By Mr. Muradian of Grafton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 728) of David K. Muradian, Jr. and others for the promulgation of regulations by the Director of Fisheries and Wildlife for the use and possession of shotgun ammunition types for the purposes of hunting. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

MA - H730 An Act concerning the trapping of fur-bearing mammals
Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 11/10/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (November 2, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative David M. Nangle (D)
Next Hearing: Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (Joint); November 10, 2015 1:00pm EST; Division of Fisheries and Wildlife
Summary: By Mr. Nangle of Lowell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 730) of David M. Nangle for legislation to further regulate the trapping of fur-bearing mammals. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

MA - H740 An Act to protect our drinking water from hydraulic fracturing
Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 10/20/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in A-2 (October 14, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Denise Provost (D)
Summary: By Ms. Provost of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 740) of Denise Provost and others for legislation to protect drinking water from hydraulic fracturing. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

MA - H744 An Act establishing a trust fund within the department of conservation and recreation for the planting of trees
Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 11/05/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in B-1 (October 27, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Angelo M. Scaccia (D)
Summary: By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 744) of Angelo M. Scaccia for legislation to establish a trust fund within the Department of Conservation and Recreation for the planting of trees. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

MA - H759 An Act relative to the conservation of Atlantic striped bass
Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 11/05/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in B-1 (October 27, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Thomas M. Stanley (D)

Summary: By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 759) of Thomas M. Stanley relative to the atlantic striped bass. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

MA - H760 An Act relative to the conservation of striped bass
Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 11/05/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in B-1 (October 27, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Thomas M. Stanley (D)

Summary: By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 760) of Thomas M. Stanley providing for a special commission (including members of the General Court) to make and investigation and study of the status of wild striped bass in the Commonwealth. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

MA - H762 An Act authorizing the use of bow and arrows for Sunday hunting
Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 11/10/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (November 2, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative William M. Straus (D)

Next Hearing: Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (Joint); November 10, 2015 1:00pm EST; Division of Fisheries and Wildlife

Summary: By Messrs. Straus of Mattapoisett and Frost of Auburn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 762) of William M. Straus and Anne M. Gobi for legislation to authorize bow and arrow hunting on Sundays. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

MA - H769 An Act relative to hunting with artificial light
Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 11/10/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (November 2, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative David T. Vieira (R)

Next Hearing: Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (Joint); November 10, 2015 1:00pm EST; Division of Fisheries and Wildlife

Summary: By Mr. Vieira of Falmouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 769) of David T. Vieira and Brian R. Mannal relative to the hunting of coyotes with artificial light. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

MA - H1220 An Act updating the law relating to posting a security for seized animals in cruelty cases
Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 10/21/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in A-1 and A-2 (October 15, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Linda Campbell (D)

Summary: By Mrs. Campbell of Methuen, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1220) of Linda
Dean Campbell and others relative to the posting of security for seized animals in cruelty cases. The Judiciary.

**MA - H1273** An Act to Protect the Health and Safety of Animals in Cars  
Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 10/21/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in A-1 and A-2 (October 15, 2015)  
Primary Sponsor: Representative Lori A. Ehrlich (D)  
Summary: By Ms. Ehrlich of Marblehead, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1273) of Lori A. Ehrlich and others relative to confining animals in a motor vehicle. The Judiciary.

**MA - H1274** An Act relating to the treatment of elephants  
Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 10/21/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in A-1 and A-2 (October 15, 2015)  
Primary Sponsor: Representative Lori A. Ehrlich (D)  
Summary: By Representative Ehrlich of Marblehead and Senator Hedlund, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1274) of Lori A. Ehrlich and others for legislation to establish a penalty for the mistreatment of elephants. The Judiciary.

**MA - H1275** An Act to prevent trafficking in ivory and rhino horns  
Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 10/21/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in A-1 and A-2 (October 15, 2015)  
Primary Sponsor: Representative Lori A. Ehrlich (D)  
Summary: By Representative Ehrlich of Marblehead and Senator Lewis, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1275) of Lori A. Ehrlich, Jason M. Lewis and others for legislation to prevent trafficking in ivory and rhino horns. The Judiciary.

**MA - H1310** An Act relative to animal abuse  
Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 10/21/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in A-1 and A-2 (October 15, 2015)  
Primary Sponsor: Representative William C. Galvin (D)  
Summary: By Mr. Galvin of Canton (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1310) of Michael Hirsch relative to the penalties for animal abuse. The Judiciary.

**MA - H1367** An Act to increase the fine for harming a police dog or horse  
Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 10/21/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in A-1 and A-2 (October 15, 2015)  
Primary Sponsor: Representative Paul R. Heroux (D)
Summary: By Mr. Heroux of Attleboro, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1367) of Paul R. Heroux and others relative to increasing the fine for harming police dogs or horses. The Judiciary.

MA - H1385 An Act relative to establishing an animal abuse registry
Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 10/21/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in A-1 and A-2 (October 15, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Steven S. Howitt (R)
Summary: By Mr. Howitt of Seekonk, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1385) of Steven S. Howitt and others for legislation to establish an animal abuse registry. The Judiciary.

MA - H1423 An Act establishing a public registry of animal abusers
Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 10/21/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in A-1 and A-2 (October 15, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Louis L. Kafka (D)
Summary: By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1423) of Louis L. Kafka relative to establishing a public registry of animal abusers. The Judiciary.

MA - H1477 An Act relating to the humane treatment of elephants
Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 10/21/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in A-1 and A-2 (October 15, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Brian R. Mannal (D)
Summary: By Mr. Mannal of Barnstable, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1477) of Brian R. Mannal and others for legislation to establish a penalty for the mistreatment of elephants. The Judiciary.

MA - H1573 An Act relative to the repeal of certain archaic laws concerning animals
Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 10/21/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in A-1 and A-2 (October 15, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Byron Rushing (D)
Summary: By Mr. Rushing of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1573) of Byron Rushing and others relative to Sunday hunting, the protection of pigeons and penalties for sexual abuse of animals. The Judiciary.

MA - H2079 An Act relative to healthy cosmetics
Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 09/17/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in A-2 (September 10, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Vincent
Summary: By Ms. Vincent of Revere, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2079) of RoseLee Vincent for legislation to regulate the ingredients used in the manufacture of cosmetics. Public Health.

MA - H2516 An Act relative to the Massachusetts clean water trust
Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 06/02/2015 from 09:00 AM-01:00 PM in B-1 (May 27, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Sean Garballey (D)
Summary: By Mr. Garballey of Arlington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2516) of Sean Garballey establishing a water infrastructure transaction surcharge on real estate sales. Revenue.

MA - H2579 An Act relative to protecting the natural resources of the Commonwealth
Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 10/28/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in B-1 (October 20, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Peter V. Kocot (D)
Summary: By Mr. Kocot of Northampton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2579) of Peter V. Kocot and others relative to a review of existing staffing levels of environmental police officers in the Commonwealth. Revenue.

MA - H2862 Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to vegetation removal by public utility companies
Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 10/27/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in B-1 (October 20, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Josh S. Cutler (D)
Summary: By Mr. Cutler of Duxbury, a petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 2862) of Josh S. Cutler and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to vegetation removal by public utility companies. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

MA - H2880 An Act improving recycling in the Commonwealth
Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 10/27/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in B-1 (October 20, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Colleen M. Garry (D)
Summary: By Miss Garry of Dracut, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2880) of Colleen M. Garry and Chris Walsh for legislation to impose a recycling fee on beverages sold in beverage containers in the Commonwealth. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

MA - H3236 An Act relative to the repeal of Sunday hunting restrictions
Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 11/10/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (November 2, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Nicholas A. Boldyga (R)
Next Hearing: Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (Joint); November 10, 2015 1:00pm EST; Division of Fisheries and Wildlife

Summary: By Mr. Boldyga of Southwick, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3236) of Nicholas A. Boldyga and others for legislation to permit hunting on Sundays. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

**MA - H3237 An Act relative to the use of crossbows**

Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 11/10/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (November 2, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Nicholas A. Boldyga (R)

Next Hearing: Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (Joint); November 10, 2015 1:00pm EST; Division of Fisheries and Wildlife

Summary: By Mr. Boldyga of Southwick, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3237) of Nicholas A. Boldyga, Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. and Todd M. Smola for legislation to permit the use of crossbows to hunt deer during exclusive archery season. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

**MA - H3239 An Act relative to the repeal of Sunday hunting restrictions**

Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 11/10/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (November 2, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Carmine Lawrence (D)

Next Hearing: Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (Joint); November 10, 2015 1:00pm EST; Division of Fisheries and Wildlife

Summary: By Mr. Gentile of Sudbury (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3239) of Frank Bemis for legislation to repeal hunting restrictions on Sundays. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

**MA - H3241 An Act relative to relocating turkeys in the town of Westwood**

Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 10/28/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in B-1 (October 20, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Paul McMurtry (D)

Summary: By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3241) of Paul McMurtry and Michael F. Rush that the Department of Fisheries, Wildlife and Environmental Law Enforcement assist in relocating wild turkeys found in the town of Westwood. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

**MA - H3272 An Act relative to the burial of pets**

Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 06/23/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in A-2 (June 15, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Nick Collins (D)
Summary: By Mr. Collins of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3272) of Bill Trabucco and Nick Collins relative to the co-internment of humans and their pets. Public Health.

MA - H3273 An Act relative to the cremation of pets
Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 06/23/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in A-2 (June 15, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Nick Collins (D)
Summary: By Mr. Collins of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3273) of Bill Trabucco and Nick Collins for legislation to require that persons providing cremation services for non-human animal remains be registered with the Department of Public Health. Public Health.

MA - H3413 An Act to establish a commercial fishing permit bank in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 11/05/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in B-1 (October 27, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Ann-Margaret Ferrante (D)
Summary: By Ms. Ferrante of Gloucester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3413) of Ann-Margaret Ferrante and Brian R. Mannal for legislation to direct the Department of Agriculture to establish a commercial fishing permit bank in the Commonwealth. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

MA - H3446 An Act to criminalize animal abuse in the presence of children
Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 10/21/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in A-1 and A-2 (October 15, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Brian R. Mannal (D)
Summary: By Mr. Mannal of Barnstable, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3446) of Brian R. Mannal relative to the crime of animal abuse in the presence of a child. The Judiciary.

MA - H3648 An Act authorizing owners to utilize products from cows or goats
Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 10/28/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in B-1 (October 20, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative William Smitty Pignatelli (D)
Summary: By Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of William Smitty Pignatelli for legislation to exempt the personal use of milk and raw milk products by owners of cows and goats from certain laws governing the use of said products. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

MA - S242 An Act relative to thoroughbred horse breeding
Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 11/10/2015 from 01:00 PM-04:00 PM in Holyoke Community College (October 30, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: **Senator James E. Timilty (D)**

Next Hearing: **Economic Development and Emerging Technologies** (Joint); November 10, 2015 1:00pm EST; Holyoke Community College

Summary: By Mr. Timilty, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 242) of James E. Timilty for legislation relative to thoroughbred horse breeding. Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.

**MA - S400** An Act reestablishing the Clean Environment Fund

Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 11/05/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in B-1 (October 27, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Senator Eileen M. Donoghue (D)**

Summary: By Ms. Donoghue, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 400) of Eileen M. Donoghue, James B. Eldridge and Jonathan Hecht for legislation to reestablish the Clean Environment Fund. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

**MA - S409** An Act to protect children and adults from wildlife

Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 11/10/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (November 2, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Senator Anne Gobi (D)**

Next Hearing: **Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture** (Joint); November 10, 2015 1:00pm EST; Division of Fisheries and Wildlife

Summary: By Ms. Gobi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 409) of Anne M. Gobi for legislation to protect children and adults from wildlife. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

**MA - S412** An Act relative to the use of shotguns

Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 11/10/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (November 2, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Senator Anne Gobi (D)**

Next Hearing: **Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture** (Joint); November 10, 2015 1:00pm EST; Division of Fisheries and Wildlife

Summary: By Ms. Gobi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 412) of Anne M. Gobi for legislation to authorize the use of shotguns during bear hunting season. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

**MA - S413** An Act to enhance the management of problem wildlife

Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 11/10/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (November 2, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Anne Gobi (D)

Next Hearing: Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (Joint); November 10, 2015 1:00pm EST; Division of Fisheries and Wildlife

Summary: By Ms. Gobi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 413) of Anne M. Gobi, Marc R. Pacheco, James B. Eldridge, Michael O. Moore and other members of the General Court for legislation to enhance the management of problem wildlife. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

**MA - S414** An Act relative to the use of crossbows in hunting

Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 11/10/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (November 2, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Anne Gobi (D)

Next Hearing: Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (Joint); November 10, 2015 1:00pm EST; Division of Fisheries and Wildlife

Summary: By Ms. Gobi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 414) of Anne M. Gobi for legislation relative to the use of crossbows in hunting. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

**MA - S415** An Act expanding the powers of the director of Fisheries and Wildlife

Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 11/10/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (November 2, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Anne Gobi (D)

Next Hearing: Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (Joint); November 10, 2015 1:00pm EST; Division of Fisheries and Wildlife

Summary: By Ms. Gobi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 415) of Anne M. Gobi and Marc R. Pacheco relative to bow and arrow hunting season. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

**MA - S421** An Act valuing our natural resources

Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 11/10/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (November 2, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Anne Gobi (D)

Next Hearing: Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (Joint); November 10, 2015 1:00pm EST; Division of Fisheries and Wildlife

Summary: By Ms. Gobi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 421) of Anne M. Gobi and Kimberly N. Ferguson for legislation to further regulate the capturing of furbearing animals. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.
MA - S422 An Act relative to the use of artificial lights in hunting
Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 11/10/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (November 2, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Anne Gobi (D)
Next Hearing: Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (Joint); November 10, 2015 1:00pm EST; Division of Fisheries and Wildlife
Summary: By Ms. Gobi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 422) of Anne M. Gobi for legislation relative to the use of artificial lights in hunting. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

MA - S423 An Act relative to the moose population in the Commonwealth
Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 11/10/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (November 2, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Anne Gobi (D)
Next Hearing: Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (Joint); November 10, 2015 1:00pm EST; Division of Fisheries and Wildlife
Summary: By Ms. Gobi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 423) of Anne M. Gobi for legislation relative to the moose population in the Commonwealth. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

MA - S424 An Act relative to hunting with a bow and arrow
Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 11/10/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (November 2, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Anne Gobi (D)
Next Hearing: Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (Joint); November 10, 2015 1:00pm EST; Division of Fisheries and Wildlife
Summary: By Ms. Gobi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 424) of Anne M. Gobi for legislation relative to hunting with a bow and arrow. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

MA - S427 An Act relative to the use of crossbows in hunting
Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 11/10/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (November 2, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Donald F. Humason, Jr. (R)
Next Hearing: Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (Joint); November 10, 2015 1:00pm EST; Division of Fisheries and Wildlife
Summary: By Mr. Humason, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 427) of Donald F.
Humason, Jr., Bruce E. Tarr, Viriato M. deMacedo, Robert L. Hedlund and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to the use of crossbows in hunting. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

**MA - S429 An Act relative to Sunday hunting**

Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 11/10/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (November 2, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Senator Donald F. Humason, Jr. (R)**

Next Hearing: Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (Joint); November 10, 2015 1:00pm EST; Division of Fisheries and Wildlife

Summary: By Mr. Humason, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 429) of Donald F. Humason, Jr. and Viriato M. deMacedo for legislation relative to Sunday hunting. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

**MA - S430 An Act Relative to the Hunting of Bear**

Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 11/10/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (November 2, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Senator Donald F. Humason, Jr. (R)**

Next Hearing: Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (Joint); November 10, 2015 1:00pm EST; Division of Fisheries and Wildlife

Summary: By Mr. Humason, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 430) of Donald F. Humason, Jr. for legislation relative to the hunting of bear. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

**MA - S431 An Act Relative to the Use of Crossbows**

Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 11/10/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (November 2, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Senator Donald F. Humason, Jr. (R)**

Next Hearing: Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (Joint); November 10, 2015 1:00pm EST; Division of Fisheries and Wildlife

Summary: By Mr. Humason, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 431) of Donald F. Humason, Jr. and Todd M. Smola for legislation relative to the use of crossbows. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

**MA - S432 An Act relative to the use of shotguns for hunting**

Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 11/10/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (November 2, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Senator Donald F. Humason, Jr. (R)**
Next Hearing: Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (Joint); November 10, 2015 1:00pm EST; Division of Fisheries and Wildlife

Summary: By Mr. Humason, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 432) of Donald F. Humason, Jr. and Todd M. Smola for legislation relative to the use of shotguns for hunting. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

MA - S439 An Act to ensure continued humane animal care and protect family farms in Massachusetts

Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 10/28/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in B-1 (October 20, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Lewis
Summary: By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 439) of Jason M. Lewis, Chris Walsh, Lori A. Ehrlich, Paul R. Heroux and other members of the General Court for legislation to ensure continued humane animal care and protect family farms in Massachusetts. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

MA - S443 An Act relative to privately operated animal shelters and rescue organizations

Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 10/28/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in B-1 (October 20, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Mark C. Montigny (D)
Summary: By Mr. Montigny, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 443) of Mark C. Montigny for legislation relative to privately operated animal shelters and rescue organizations. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

MA - S445 An Act to provide additional funding for animal welfare and safety programming

Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 11/05/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in B-1 (October 27, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Mark C. Montigny (D)
Summary: By Mr. Montigny, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 445) of Mark C. Montigny for legislation to provide additional funding for animal welfare and safety programming. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

MA - S446 An Act enhancing the enforcement of illegal hunting practices

Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 10/28/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in B-1 (October 20, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Michael Moore (D)
Summary: By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 446) of Michael O. Moore, Timothy R. Madden, Brian R. Mannal, Lori A. Ehrlich and other members of the General Court for legislation to enhance the enforcement of illegal hunting practices. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

MA - S447 An Act relative to hunting with Unmanned Aerial Systems
Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 11/10/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (November 2, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Senator Michael Moore (D)**

Next Hearing: Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (Joint); November 10, 2015 1:00pm EST; Division of Fisheries and Wildlife

Summary: By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 447) of Michael O. Moore, Mary S. Keefe, Chris Walsh, Timothy R. Madden and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to hunting with Unmanned Aerial Systems. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

**MA - S450** An Act preventing the disposal of hydraulic fracturing wastewater

Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 10/20/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in A-2 (October 14, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Senator Kathleen O'Connor Ives (D)**

Summary: By Ms. O'Connor Ives, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 450) of Kathleen O'Connor Ives, Linda Dean Campbell, John W. Scibak, James B. Eldridge and other members of the General Court for legislation to prevent the disposal of hydraulic fracturing wastewater. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

**MA - S455** An Act providing funding for clean energy and energy efficiency measures for the Commonwealth

Last Action: Bill reported favorably by committee and referred to the committee on Senate Ways and Means (October 26, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Senator Marc R. Pacheco (D)**

Summary: By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 455) of Marc R. Pacheco, Patricia A. Haddad and Jason M. Lewis for legislation to provide funding for clean energy and energy efficiency measures for the Commonwealth. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

**MA - S457** An Act relative to reinforcing the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act

Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 10/20/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in A-2 (October 14, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Senator Marc R. Pacheco (D)**

Summary: By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 457) of Marc R. Pacheco, Tricia Farley-Bouvier and Mary S. Keefe for legislation relative to a moratorium on hydraulic fracturing. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

**MA - S468** An Act relative to a moratorium on hydraulic fracturing

Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 10/28/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in B-1 (October 20, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Senator Bruce E. Tarr (R)**
Summary: By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 468) of Bruce E. Tarr and Donald F. Humason, Jr. for legislation to reinforce the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

**MA - S470** An Act to promote the viability and sustainability of commercial fisheries in the Commonwealth

Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 11/05/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in B-1 (October 27, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Senator Bruce E. Tarr (R)**

Summary: By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 470) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to promote the viability and sustainability of commercial fisheries in the Commonwealth. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

**MA - S475** An Act to establish the Marine Fisheries Research Council

Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 11/05/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in B-1 (October 27, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Senator Bruce E. Tarr (R)**

Summary: By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 475) of Bruce E. Tarr, Donald H. Wong, Viriato M. deMacedo, Robert L. Hedlund and other members of the General Court for legislation to establish the Marine Fisheries Research Council. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

**MA - S476** An Act relative to the conservation of striped bass

Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 11/05/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in B-1 (October 27, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Senator James E. Timilty (D)**

Summary: By Mr. Timilty, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 476) of James E. Timilty for legislation relative to the conservation of striped bass. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

**MA - S851** An Act relative to the wrongful death or injury of animal companions

Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 10/21/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in A-1 and A-2 (October 15, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Senator John F. Keenan (D)**

Summary: By Mr. Keenan, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 851) of John F. Keenan and Kris MacDonald for legislation relative to the wrongful death or injury of animal companions. The Judiciary.

**MA - S876** An Act relative to a private cause of action to prevent the cruel and inhumane treatment of animals

Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 10/21/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in A-1 and A-2 (October
Primary Sponsor: Senator Mark C. Montigny (D)
Summary: By Mr. Montigny, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 876) of Mark C. Montigny, Jason M. Lewis, Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr., James B. Eldridge and others for legislation to prevent the cruel and inhumane treatment of animals. The Judiciary.

**MA - S878 An Act to protect health and safety of animals in vehicles**

Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 10/21/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in A-1 and A-2 (October 15, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Mark C. Montigny (D)
Summary: By Mr. Montigny, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 878) of Mark C. Montigny, Jason M. Lewis, Michael O. Moore, James B. Eldridge and other members of the General Court for legislation to protect health and safety of animals in vehicles. The Judiciary.

**MA - S1747 An Act combating climate change**

Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 10/27/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in B-1 (October 20, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Michael Barrett (D)
Summary: By Mr. Barrett, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1747) of Michael J. Barrett, Chris Walsh, Kay Khan, Frank I. Smizik and other members of the General Court for legislation to combat climate change. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

**MA - S1785 An Act to protect our environment and update our climate action plan**

Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 10/27/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in B-1 (October 20, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Marc R. Pacheco (D)
Summary: By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1785) of Marc R. Pacheco, Frank I. Smizik, Lori A. Ehrlich, Denise Provost and other members of the General Court for legislation to protect our environment and update our climate action plan. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

**MA - S1786 An Act to protect our environment and reduce the carbon footprint of the commonwealth**

Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 10/27/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in B-1 (October 20, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Marc R. Pacheco (D)
Summary: By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1786) of Marc R. Pacheco, Denise Provost, Jason M. Lewis, Marjorie C. Decker and other members of the General Court for legislation to protect our environment and reduce the carbon footprint of the commonwealth. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.
MA - S1794 An Act relative to the green communities act
Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 10/27/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in B-1 (October 20, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Bruce E. Tarr (R)
Summary: By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1794) of Bruce E. Tarr, Viriato M. deMacedo, Robert L. Hedlund, Donald F. Humason, Jr. and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to the green communities act. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

MA - S1801 An Act relating to the treatment of elephants
Last Action: Hearing scheduled for 10/21/2015 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in A-1 and A-2 (October 15, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Robert L. Hedlund (R)
Summary: By Mr. Hedlund, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1801) of Robert L. Hedlund, Kathleen O'Connor Ives, Timothy R. Madden, James M. Cantwell and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to the treatment of elephants. Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development.

MD - HB443 Crimes Relating to Animals - Unauthorized Use of Dogs and Cats in Research Facilities - Penalties
Last Action: Unfavorable Report by Judiciary (March 16, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Delegate Benjamin F. Kramer (D)
Summary: Prohibiting specified research facilities from knowingly using specified dogs and cats for scientific research purposes; authorizing specified euthanasia for specified dogs and cats used for scientific research purposes; establishing specified penalties for a violation of the Act; requiring the Attorney General to investigate specified violations; authorizing the Attorney General to prosecute specified violations; etc.

MD - HB567 Crimes Relating to Animals - Failure to Offer Dogs and Cats Used in Research Facilities for Adoption - Penalties
Last Action: Unfavorable Report by Judiciary (March 16, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Delegate Benjamin F. Kramer (D)
Summary: Requiring specified research facilities using dogs and cats for scientific research purposes to take specified steps to provide for the adoption of a dog or cat that is no longer needed for scientific research purposes; establishing specified penalties for specified violations; requiring the Attorney General to investigate specified violations; and authorizing the Attorney General to prosecute specified violations.

MD - HB713 Natural Resources - Trade in Ivory and Rhinoceros Horn - Prohibition
Last Action: Unfavorable Report by Judiciary (March 16, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Delegate Eric G. Luedtke (D)
Summary: Prohibiting a person from purchasing, selling, offering for sale, possessing with the intent to sell, or importing with the intent to sell any ivory or rhinoceros horn, subject to specified exceptions; establishing under specified circumstances a presumption that a person possesses ivory or rhinoceros horn with the intent to sell; establishing specified penalties for a violation of the Act; authorizing a court to order that a person who violates the Act pay specified restitution to be used for specified purposes; etc.

Last Action: Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m. (February 13, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Miele
Summary: Requiring an animal shelter to develop and adhere to a specified written veterinary care protocol; stating specified requirements for the written veterinary protocol; requiring an animal shelter to meet specified veterinary care requirements; requiring an animal shelter to maintain specified holding periods; stating specified criteria for an animal shelter to seize, impound, or otherwise take custody of a specified cat; requiring an animal shelter to take specified steps to determine the identity of an animal in its custody; etc.

MD - HB1036 Natural Resources - Oyster Poaching - Administrative Penalties
Last Action: First Reading Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs (March 19, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jay A. Jacobs (R)
Summary: Repealing the offense for taking oysters with gear that is prohibited in a specified area; establishing an offense for taking oysters with a power dredge in a specified area; altering the administrative penalties that apply to a person for knowingly committing specified offenses related to oyster poaching by requiring under the Department of Natural Resources under specified circumstances to suspend the person's oyster license for 1 year under specified circumstances; etc.

MD - HB1075 Agriculture - Antibiotic Drug Usage - Food-Producing Animals
Last Action: Unfavorable Report by Environment and Transportation; Withdrawn (March 16, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Delegate Dan K. Morhaim (D)
Summary: Prohibiting a person from administering an antibiotic drug to a food-producing animal under specified circumstances; requiring the State Department of Agriculture to establish by regulation a specified program; requiring regulations adopted by the Department to include specified provisions; etc.

MD - SB200 Environment - Personal Care Products Containing Synthetic Plastic Microbeads - Prohibition on Manufacturing or Sale
Last Action: Senators Pinsky, Montgomery, and Bates (April 13, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Joan Carter Conway (D)
Summary: Prohibiting a person from manufacturing for sale or accepting for sale a personal care product or an over-the-counter drug that contains synthetic plastic microbeads on or after specified dates; defining "synthetic plastic microbead" as an intentionally added solid plastic particle that is not biodegradable that measures less than 5 millimeters in size and is used in personal care products for exfoliation, cleansing or cosmetic purposes; etc.

MD - SB267 Income Tax Credit - Cat and Dog Adoption
Last Action: Unfavorable Report by Budget and Taxation (March 23, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Delegate Michael J. Hough (R)
Summary: Allowing an individual who adopts a cat or dog from an animal shelter or a rescue facility a maximum credit of $100 against the State income tax; providing that an individual may not claim the credit for more than 1 taxable year with respect to the same cat or dog; requiring the Comptroller to adopt regulations; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2014.

MD - SB393 Criminal Law - Animal Cruelty - Payment of Costs
Last Action: Delegates Vallario, Rosenberg, and Anderson (April 13, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Jamie Raskin (D)
Summary: Authorizing a court to order a defendant convicted of a specified charge of animal cruelty, as a condition of sentencing, to pay, in addition to any other fines and costs, all reasonable costs incurred in removing, housing, treating, or euthanizing an animal confiscated from the defendant; etc.

MD - SB463 Agriculture - Cattle, Swine, and Poultry - Use of Antimicrobial Drugs
Last Action: Recommitted to Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs (Senator Pinsky) (March 23, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Paul G. Pinsky (D)
Summary: Prohibiting a person from engaging in the nontherapeutic use of medically important antimicrobial drugs in specified cattle, swine, and poultry on or after October 1, 2016; requiring a specified farm operation to submit specified information under specified circumstances to the Department of Agriculture on or before October 1 each year, beginning on or before October 1, 2017; authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to impose a specified penalty; providing for the application of the Act; etc.

MD - SB696 Natural Resources - Oyster Poaching - Administrative Penalties
Last Action: Third Reading Passed with Amendments (137-0) (April 10, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Stephen S. Hershey, Jr. (R)
Summary: repealing the offense for taking oysters with gear that is prohibited in a specified area; establishing an offense for taking oysters with a power dredge in a specified area; altering the administrative penalties that apply to a person for knowingly committing specified offenses related to oyster poaching by requiring the Department of Natural Resources to suspend or revoke the person's oyster license for a first offense under specified circumstances; etc.

**ME - LD991 An Act To Amend Maine's Genetically Modified Food Products Labeling Law**

Last Action: CARRIED OVER to any Special or Regular Session of the 127th Legislature pursuant to Joint Order HP 992. (July 21, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: DUNPHY

**MI - HB4353 Animals; animal shelters; animal shelters to deny adoptions under certain circumstances; require, and allow animal shelters to consider prior criminal history before adoption. Amends sec. 1 of 1969 PA 287 (MCL 287.331) & adds sec. 8c.**

Last Action: Referred to second reading (May 12, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Harvey Santana (D)

Summary: [Summary as Summary As Introduced](#)

**MI - HB4509 Natural resources; wildlife; ivory, ivory product, rhinoceros horn, or rhinoceros horn product; prohibit importation, sale, purchase, barter, or possession with intent to sell. Creates new act.**

Last Action: Printed bill filed 04/24/2015 (April 28, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Henry Yanez (D)

**MI - HB4898 Animals; animal shelters; pet shop, dog pound, and animal shelters act; modify to include large-scale commercial dog breeders and to make other general revisions. Amends secs. 1, 2, 5a, 6, 7 & 9 of 1969 PA 287 (MCL 287.331 et seq.) & adds sec. 9c.**

Last Action: Referred to second reading (October 21, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Michael McCready (R)

**MI - HB4915 Animals; animal shelters; pet shop, dog pound, and animal shelters act; modify to provide for minimum holding times and certain record-keeping requirements, and prohibit local units of government from prohibiting sterilization release programs. Amends secs. 1, 2, 6 & 9a of 1969 PA 287 (MCL 287.331 et seq.) & adds secs. 8b, 8c & 9c.**

Last Action: Referred to second reading (October 28, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Michael McCready (R)

**MI - HB5050 Agriculture; animals; provision related to breeding of horses; repeal. Repeals 1929 PA**
72 (MCL 287.201 - 287.210).
Last Action: Printed bill filed 11/05/2015 (November 5, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Dave Pagel (R)

**MI - HB5052** Agriculture; animals; provision related to immature or unwholesome calves, pigs, kids, and lambs; repeal. Repeals 1913 PA 340 (MCL 289.251 - 289.253).
Last Action: Printed bill filed 11/05/2015 (November 5, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Triston Cole (R)

**MI - HB5056** Agriculture; animals; provision related to regulation of slaughterhouses; repeal. Repeals 1965 PA 280 (MCL 287.571 - 287.582).
Last Action: Printed bill filed 11/05/2015 (November 5, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Bruce Rendon (R)

**MI - SB146** Animals; other; facilities accredited by the American zoo and aquarium association or the zoological association of America; exempt from certain provisions of large carnivore act. Amends sec. 22 of 2000 PA 274 (MCL 287.1122).
Last Action: Referred to committee on agriculture (February 18, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Joe Hune (R)

**MI - SB219** Crimes; animals; ownership of animals by a person convicted by certain crimes against animals; require court to prohibit for a period of at least 5 years. Amends secs. 49, 50, 50b & 158 of 1931 PA 328 (MCL 750.49 et seq.).
Last Action: Referred to committee of the whole with substitute s-1 (May 7, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Rick Jones (R)
Summary: Summary as Summary Of Bill Reported From Committee

**MI - SB220** Law enforcement; reports; access by animal shelter to certain criminal history record information through ICHAT; allow without a fee for purposes of animal adoption. Amends sec. 3 of 1935 PA 120 (MCL 28.273).
Last Action: Referred to committee of the whole with substitute s-1 (May 7, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Steven M Bieda (D)
Summary: Summary as Summary Of Introduced Bill In Committee

**MI - SB239** Animals; other; breed discrimination; eliminate. Creates new act.
Last Action: Referred to Committee on Local Government (October 8, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator David B Robertson (R)
MI - SB244 Natural resources; hunting; restitution for the illegal killing or possessing of certain game; increase. Amends sec. 40119 of 1994 PA 451 (MCL 324.40119). TIE BAR WITH: SB 0245’15, SB 0246’15

Last Action: Ordered enrolled (October 29, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Phil Pavlov (R)

Summary: Summary as Analysis As Passed By The Senate

MI - SB245 Natural resources; hunting; penalties for illegally taking or possessing certain game; increase. Amends sec. 40118 of 1994 PA 451 (MCL 324.40118). TIE BAR WITH: SB 0244’15, SB 0246’15

Last Action: Ordered enrolled (October 29, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Dale Zorn (R)

Summary: Summary as Analysis As Passed By The Senate

MI - SB298 Crimes; animals; assault of or interference with a service animal and refusal by certain persons to allow entry of a person using or training a service animal; prohibit. Amends secs. 50a & 502c of 1931 PA 328 (MCL 750.50a & 750.502c). TIE BAR: HB 4521’15, HB 4527’15, SB 0299’15

Last Action: Assigned pa 0144’15 with immediate effect (October 22, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator David Knezek (D)

Summary: Summary as Analysis As Enacted

MI - SB339 Animals; animal shelters; pet shop, dog pound, and animal shelter act; modify to include large-scale commercial dog breeders and to make other general revisions. Amends secs. 1, 2, 5a, 6, 7 & 9 of 1969 PA 287 (MCL 287.331 et seq.) & adds sec. 9c.

Last Action: Reassigned to committee on agriculture (May 20, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Steven M Bieda (D)

MI - SB371 Natural resources; wildlife; ivory, ivory product, rhinoceros horn, or rhinoceros horn product; prohibit importation, sale, purchase, barter, or possession with intent to sell. Creates new act.

Last Action: Referred to committee on natural resources (June 4, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Steven M Bieda (D)

MI - SR109 A resolution to urge the United States Congress to enact legislation for the purpose of
enhancing hunting, fishing, recreational shooting, and other outdoor recreational opportunities, as well as strengthen conservation efforts nationwide.

Last Action: Adopted (October 27, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Mike Green (R)

**MN - HF834** Synthetic plastic microbead in personal care products sale prohibited.

Last Action: See SF674 (May 7, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Mark Uglem (R)

**MN - HF1766** Nontherapeutic use of antimicrobial drugs for food animals prohibited, and sale of food produced from animals administered antimicrobial drugs for nontherapeutic uses prohibited.

Last Action: Introduction and first reading, referred to Agriculture Policy (March 12, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Phyllis Kahn (D)

**MN - SF592** Wolf trapping and baiting and wild animals taken with snares prohibitions

Last Action: Referred to Environment and Energy (February 5, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Charles W. Wiger (D)
Summary: Prohibiting trapping and baiting wolves and snares to take wild animals; repealing provision for permit required to snare bears (rt)

**MN - SF612** Wolf hunting moratorium reinstatement

Last Action: Authors added Hawj; Carlson (February 9, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Chris A. Eaton (D)
Summary: Relating to natural resources; reinstating the five-year moratorium on wolf hunting (me)

**MN - SF627** Personal care products containing microbeads sale prohibition

Last Action: Author added Carlson (May 5, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Roger J. Reinert (D)
Summary: Relating to the environment; prohibiting the sales of certain personal care products containing synthetic plastic microbeads; providing for civil penalties (me)

**MN - SF674** Personal care products containing microbeads sale prohibition

Last Action: House rule 4.20, interim disposition of bills, returned to Commerce and Regulatory Reform (May 7, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator John Marty (D)
Summary: 2E Relating to environment; prohibiting the sale of certain personal care products containing synthetic plastic microbeads; providing exception for an over the counter drug; allowing
pollution control agency (PCA) petition for prohibition exemption (me)

**MN - SF1303** Game and fish bill

Last Action: See SF5, Art. 4, Sec. 139, Art. 5 (First Special Session) (March 23, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Senator Matt Schmit (D)**

Summary: 3E Relating to natural resources; clarifying land condemnation limits and owner rights; allowing gizzard shad bait harvest from certain infested waters; extending expiration of citizen oversight committees; allowing posting restrictions on public access to active disease areas; clarifying compliance with federal law for information or telecommunications technology projects appropriations and assets; modifying and conforming certain enforcement provisions; modifying provisions to take, possess, and transport wild animals; modifying separate selection of eligible turkey licensees; allowing residents of veterans homes to take antlerless deer without a permit; prohibiting certain feral swine activities and imposing penalties; allowing scopes on muzzleloading firearms for persons over the age of 60; modifying penalty for certain firearms possession restricted in deer zones; providing an exception for shining lights for tracking bears; allowing use of radio equipment to take unprotected animals; allowing residents age 80 or over to take deer of either sex; prohibiting the placement of feed to attract bears; including all game bird species for the use of nonlethal hazing for property damage; allowing possession of firearms in turkey hunting under certain conditions; restricting use of body-gripping traps near public roads or trails; allowing use of a lottery system for taking fisher, marten and bobcat; requiring written permission for placing traps or snares on private land; clarifying the checking of body gripping traps; expanding commissioner authority for seasonal adjustments for state managed waters of Upper Red Lake; modifying minnow healers and helpers provisions; modifying rulemaking for lifting spearing bans and northern pike regulations; allowing the issuance of youth bear license refunds; establishing a license pilot program for the series 300 deer permit areas; modifying seizures of licenses; providing criminal penalties; specifying revisor’s instructions; expanding expedited rulemaking authority; repealing muskrat farms license fees (je)

**MN - SF1448** Minnesota Environmental Contamination Awareness Act

Last Action: Referred to Environment and Energy (March 9, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Senator Foung Hawj (D)**

Summary: "Minnesota Environmental Contamination Awareness Act"; defining certain terms; specifying required disclosures, liability, and transfer clarification; requiring an agency to record an affidavit, specifying certain affidavit requirements; requiring disclosure of environmental contaminants (me)

**MN - SF1459** Omnibus agriculture policy bill

Last Action: See SF2101, Art. 2 (seed provisions) (May 13, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Senator Dan Sparks (D)**
Summary: 1E Relating to agriculture; making certain policy and technical changes; requiring the commissioner to prepare the permitting efficiency report annually; increasing agriculture best management practices loan program amounts; modifying the waste pesticide collection program disposal site requirement and cooperative agreements; modifying pesticide control record keeping, and incident response requirements; modifying fertilizer, soil and plant amendment licensee incident response plan requirements; specifying requirements for discontinuance of specialty fertilizer and soil and plant amendments registration; modifying seed law definitions, and content labeling requirements; modifying hybrid seed corn classification and official seed samples laboratory testing procedures; requiring the commissioner to determine prohibited weed seeds and restricted noxious weed seeds and the allowable occurrence rate; specifying conditions for the commissioner to grant seed law exceptions; adding certain native grasses and wildflower seeds to permit categories; including equipment and facilities in tag notice withdrawal from distribution orders under food law and specifying certain emergency powers of the commissioner; modifying minimum wage requirements for agricultural employees and modifying the definition of employee; requiring public grain warehouse operators to report on open storage and grain stored for feed processing; repealing incident response plan availability, the definition of pollinator lethal insecticide, and the agricultural growth, research, and innovation program sunset provision (je)

MN - SF1594 Unlawful wolf taking penalty modification
Last Action: Referred to Environment and Energy (March 11, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator David J. Osmek (R)
Summary: Modifying the penalty for taking wolves unlawfully (rt)

MN - SF2194 Ditch mowing enhanced pollinator habitat regulation
Last Action: Author added Housley (May 17, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Matt Schmit (D)
Summary: Modifying mowing ditches outside cities regulation to provide enhanced roadside habitat for native pollinators (rt)

MO - HB1212 Prohibits the Department of Conservation from destroying the dead carcass of any illegally killed wildlife until final disposition of any case involving such illegal killing
Last Action: Referred: Conservation and Natural Resources (May 15, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Shawn Rhoads (R)
Summary: Summary as Introduced

MO - HB1264 Exempts mini circuses from the licensing requirements of the Large Carnivore Act
Last Action: Referred: Select Committee on Agriculture (April 14, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Bart Korman (R)
Summary: Summary as Committee

**MT - SB395** Revise laws related to youth hunting
Last Action: 2nd Reading Not Concurred (April 16, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Mark Blasdel (R)

**NC - HB159** Regulate Commercial Dog Breeders.
Last Action: Re-ref Com On Redistricting (June 30, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Jason Saine (R)

**NC - HB460** Reporting of Animal Incidents.
Last Action: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate (April 30, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Harry Warren (R)

**NC - HB554** Protect Public from Dangerous Wild Animals.
Last Action: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate (April 30, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Chuck McGrady (R)

**NC - SB209** Responsible Breeding/Prevent Cruelty.
Last Action: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate (March 11, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Trudy Wade (R)

**NC - SB247** Raleigh/Donate Service Animals to Officers.
Last Action: Re-ref Com On Local Government (June 3, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Josh Stein (D)

**NC - SB513** North Carolina Farm Act of 2015.
Last Action: Ch. SL 2015-263 (September 30, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Andrew C. Brock (R)

**NC - SB658** Expand to Seven-Day Hunting.
Last Action: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate (March 30, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator E. S. (Buck) Newton (R)

**ND - HR5001** A resolution urging Congress to invalidate the rules adopted by the Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Army Corps of Engineers defining the "waters of the
United States under the Clean Water Act.
Last Action: Second reading, adopted (June 16, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Craig Headland (R)

NE - LB175 Adopt the Livestock Growth Act and Community Gardens Act and change provisions of the Nebraska Advantage Rural Development Act and the Nebraska Seed Law
Primary Sponsor: Senator Ken Schilz
Summary: Summary as Statement of Intent

NH - HB499 Permitting New Hampshire farmers to sell certain farm raised animals directly to the public.
Last Action: Executive Session: 10/13/2015 10:00 AM LOB 303 (September 30, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Gene Chandler (R)

NJ - A1208 Recodifies offenses against animals under State criminal code; increases degree of crime for certain offenses.
Last Action: Introduced, Referred to Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee (January 16, 2014)
Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Gregory P. McGuckin (R)

NJ - A1221 Establishes NJ Animal Abuser Registry.
Last Action: Introduced, Referred to Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee (January 16, 2014)
Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Gregory P. McGuckin (R)

NJ - A1814 Establishes animal cruelty offense of cruel confinement of a gestating pig.
Last Action: Introduced, Referred to Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee (January 16, 2014)
Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Gilbert L. "Whip" Wilson (D)

NJ - A2302 Establishes an animal abuser registration system.
Last Action: Introduced, Referred to Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee (February 6, 2014)
Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember L. Grace Spencer (D)

NJ - A2389 Prohibits persons convicted of animal cruelty offenses from owning domestic companion
animals and from working or volunteering at animal-related enterprises; designated as "Moose’s Law."

Last Action: Received in the Senate, Referred to Senate Economic Growth Committee (February 5, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Troy Singleton (D)

NJ - A2500 Directs State Board of Agriculture and Dept. of Agriculture to adopt regulations concerning confinement of pregnant sows during gestation.

Last Action: Substituted by S998 (1R) (October 16, 2014)
Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Gilbert L. "Whip" Wilson (D)

NJ - A2938 Permits municipalities to contract with animal and humane societies which engage in animal foster care.

Last Action: Received in the Senate, Referred to Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee (February 24, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Bob Andrzejczak (D)

NJ - A3014 Establishes animal cruelty offense concerning certain use of exotic, non-domestic, or wild animals in traveling performances and exhibitions.

Last Action: Introduced, Referred to Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee (March 24, 2014)
Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Reed Gusciora (D)

NJ - A3031 Establishes Animal Cruelty Offender Registry; prohibits purchase, adoption, and breeding of animals by animal cruelty offenders.

Last Action: Introduced, Referred to Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee (March 24, 2014)
Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Angelica M. Jimenez (D)

NJ - A3034 Establishes process for recovering cost of caring for animals involved in animal cruelty violations.

Last Action: Reported from Assembly Comm. as a Substitute, 2nd Reading (June 4, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Bob Andrzejczak (D)

NJ - A3037 Establishes crimes of dog fighting and leader of a dog fighting network, and updates crime of animal fighting; amends RICO concerning dog fighting.

Last Action: Substituted by S736 (1R) (June 25, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Bob Andrzejczak (D)

**NJ - A3128** Prohibits import, sale, purchase, barter, or possession of ivory or rhinoceros horn and items containing ivory or rhinoceros horn, with limited exceptions.
Last Action: Substituted by S2012 (1R) (June 16, 2014)
Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Raj Mukherji (D)

**NJ - A3502** Exempts guide dogs and service dogs temporarily placed in foster homes from dog licensing and registration tag requirements.
Last Action: Passed Senate (Passed Both Houses) (39-0) (October 22, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember David C. Russo (R)

**NJ - A3847** Requires certified animal control officers and animal cruelty investigators to engage in continuing education.
Last Action: Introduced, Referred to Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee (October 23, 2014)
Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Donna M. Simon (R)

**NJ - A4092** Imposes certain registration and reporting requirements to prevent illegal trade of tigers.
Last Action: Introduced, Referred to Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee (January 13, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Timothy J. Eustace (D)

**NJ - A4093** Prohibits certain possession, sale, offering for sale, trade or distribution of shark fins.
Last Action: Introduced, Referred to Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee (January 13, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Timothy J. Eustace (D)

**NJ - A4146** Authorizes DEP and NJ Marine Fisheries Council to regulate taking and management of striped bass; establishes interim taking restrictions.
Last Action: Approved P.L.2015, c.45. (May 4, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Bob Andrzejczak (D)

**NJ - A4298** Requires institutions of higher education to offer cats and dogs no longer used for educational, research, or scientific purposes to animal rescue organizations for adoption.
Last Action: Introduced, Referred to Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee (March 16, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: **Assemblymember Declan J. O'Scanlon Jr. (R)**

**NJ - A4385** "Responsible Dog Ownership Act."
Last Action: Introduced, Referred to Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee (May 11, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: **Assemblymember Benjie E. Wimberly (D)**

**NJ - A4628** Regulates tethering of, and outdoor shelter for, dogs.
Last Action: Introduced, Referred to Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee (June 29, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: **Assemblymember Gregory P. McGuckin (R)**

**NJ - S494** Recodifies offenses against animals under State criminal code; increases degree of crime for certain offenses.
Last Action: Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Economic Growth Committee (January 14, 2014)
Primary Sponsor: **Senator James W. Holzapfel (R)**

**NJ - S507** Establishes NJ Animal Abuser Registry.
Last Action: Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Economic Growth Committee (January 14, 2014)
Primary Sponsor: **Senator James W. Holzapfel (R)**

**NJ - S678** Imposes certain registration and reporting requirements to prevent illegal trade of tigers.
Last Action: Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Economic Growth Committee (January 14, 2014)
Primary Sponsor: **Senator Raymond J. Lesniak (D)**

**NJ - S687** Requires use of bear-resistant containers, dumpsters, or food boxes in certain areas located in black bear habitat under certain circumstances, including garbage collection, and prohibits certain actions that would result in feeding of black bears.
Last Action: Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee (September 24, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: **Senator Raymond J. Lesniak (D)**

**NJ - S2057** Prohibits certain possession, sale, offering for sale, trade or distribution of shark fins.
Last Action: Received in the Assembly, Referred to Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee (March 19, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Raymond J. Lesniak (D)

**NJ - S2281** Exempts guide dogs and service dogs temporarily placed in foster homes from dog licensing and registration tag requirements.

Last Action: Substituted by A3502 (ACS) (October 22, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Kevin J. O'Toole (R)

**NJ - S2733** Authorizes DEP and NJ Marine Fisheries Council to regulate taking and management of striped bass; establishes interim taking restrictions.

Last Action: Substituted by A4146 (March 16, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Jeff Van Drew (D)

**NJ - S3061** Regulates tethering of, and outdoor shelter for, dogs.

Last Action: Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Economic Growth Committee (June 29, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator James W. Holzapfel (R)

**NJ - S3146** Prohibits possession and transport of certain animals and body parts thereof at PANYNJ airports and port facilities.

Last Action: Reported from Senate Committee, 2nd Reading (August 10, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Raymond J. Lesniak (D)

**NJ - S3416** Prohibits possession, transport, import, export, processing, sale, or shipment of certain animal species threatened with extinction.

Notes: This bill would prohibit possession, transport, import, export, processing, sale, or shipment of certain animal species threatened with extinction including African elephants, lions, leopards, black rhinos, white rhinos, and Cape buffalo) in the state of New Jersey.

Last Action: Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee (August 10, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Raymond J. Lesniak (D)

Next Hearing: Budget and Appropriations (Senate); November 9, 2015 1:00pm EST; Committee Room 4, 1st Floor, State House Annex, Trenton, NJ

**NJ - SJR95** Declares aquaculture an important State economic driver and urges State to include aquaculture industry in its economic development plans.

Last Action: Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Economic Growth Committee (October 19, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Jeff Van Drew (D)
**NJ - SR144** Urges State to promote, cultivate, and support shellfish aquaculture in NJ.

Last Action: Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Economic Growth Committee (October 19, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Senator Jeff Van Drew (D)**

**NJ - SR145** Urges US Fish and Wildlife Service and DEP to resolve conflict between protection of red knot shorebird and economic viability of State's oyster industry.

Last Action: Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Environment and Energy Committee (October 19, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Senator Jeff Van Drew (D)**

**NM - HB147** ANIMAL SHELTERING BOARD TO ENVIRONMENT DEPT.

Last Action: Referred to Senate Conservation. (March 16, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Representative James E. Smith**

**NM - HB586** COUGAR HUNTING & TRAPPING

Last Action: Referred to House Regulatory & Public Affairs. (March 5, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Representative Zachary J. Cook**

**NM - SB221** REPORT LIVESTOCK INJURIES TO LAW ENFORCEMENT

Last Action: Referred to Senate Judiciary. (February 20, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Senator Cliff R. Pirtle**

**NV - SB163** Creates the Advisory Council on Nevada Wildlife Conservation and Education within the Department of Wildlife. (BDR 45-616)

Last Action: Read second time. (May 28, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Senator Scott Hammond (R)**

**NV - SJR11** Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to preserve the right to hunt, trap and fish in this State. (BDR C-1001)

Last Action: File No. 20. (May 7, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Senator Scott Hammond (R)**

**NY - A186** Relates to the care of animals by pet dealers

Last Action: Referred To Agriculture (January 7, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Assemblymember Linda Rosenthal**

Summary: Relates to the care of animals by pet dealers; establishes care and breeding standards
for pet dealers when dealing with dogs.

**NY - A358** Increases certain penalties for aggravated cruelty to animals

Last Action: Referred To Agriculture (January 7, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Assemblymember Sean Ryan**

**NY - A518** Expands the requirements for teaching humane education to secondary school students

Last Action: Referred To Education (January 7, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Assemblymember Linda Rosenthal**

Summary: Expands the requirements for teaching humane education of animals to secondary school students.

**NY - A536** Relates to labeling and sale of cloned animals and food products from cloned animals or the progeny of such animals

Last Action: Referred To Consumer Affairs And Protection (January 7, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Assemblymember Linda Rosenthal**

Summary: Requires disclosure and labeling of food products from cloned animals or the progeny of such animals.

**NY - A596** Creates the rescued animals spay and neuter fund

Last Action: Referred To Investigations And Government Operations (June 8, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Assemblymember Joseph Lentol**

Summary: Creates the rescued animals spay and neuter fund; authorizes the department of taxation and finance to place a check-off box on income tax returns for taxpayers to contribute money to the fund.

**NY - A637** Relates to prohibitions on circus performances

Last Action: Print Number 637a (March 5, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Assemblymember Linda Rosenthal**

Summary: Relates to prohibitions on circus performances; prohibits circuses from conducting shows or other performances in the state for two years where a circus has been found to be in violation or in non-compliance with the Animal Welfare Act of 1966.

**NY - A893** Provides for the humane removal of downed animals

Last Action: Referred To Agriculture (January 8, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Assemblymember Linda Rosenthal**

Summary: Provides for the humane treatment and removal of downed animals.
NY - A957 Includes wildlife animals as those subject to the animal cruelty provisions
Last Action: Reported Referred To Codes (March 10, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Linda Rosenthal
Summary: Includes wildlife animals as those subject to the animal cruelty provisions of the agriculture and markets law.

NY - A1281 Relates to the verification of compliance in instruction in the humane treatment of animals
Last Action: Referred To Education (January 9, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Linda Rosenthal

NY - A1405 Restricts the use of exotic and wild animals in traveling circuses and shows
Last Action: Referred To Agriculture (January 12, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Amy Paulin
Summary: Restricts the use of exotic and wild animals in traveling circuses and shows; prohibits the use of any wild or exotic animal that was traveling in a mobile housing facility thirty days before the circus or show; establishes civil penalties for violations.

NY - A1555 Prohibits cruel treatment of elephants
Last Action: Referred To Agriculture (January 12, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Amy Paulin
Summary: Prohibits cruel treatment of elephants; prohibits the possession of certain devices; prohibits the use of certain devices on elephants; prohibits acts which cause pain, injury or death to an elephant; any violation of this section shall constitute a class E felony.

NY - A1624 Relates to recordkeeping requirements for pet dealers
Last Action: Referred To Agriculture (January 12, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Amy Paulin
Summary: Relates to recordkeeping requirements for pet dealers; relates to license for pet dealers.

NY - A1679 Restricts the performance of surgical devocalization procedures on dogs and cats
Last Action: Referred To Agriculture (March 24, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Kenneth Zebrowski

NY - A2060 Makes violations of law relating to the care of animals by pet dealers a misdemeanor
Last Action: Referred To Agriculture (January 15, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Kenneth Zebrowski
**NY - A2353** Limits ownership or possession of companion animals by "Buster's Law" violators

Last Action: Referred To Agriculture (January 16, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember James Tedisco

Summary: Limits ownership or possession of companion animals by "Buster's Law" violators and adds definition of equine companion while taking horses out of farm animal definition.

**NY - A2356** Requires the informed consent of the owner of a companion animal prior to euthanizing such animal

Last Action: Referred To Agriculture (January 16, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Steven Englebright

Summary: Enacts "Sir Henry's law" to require the informed consent of the owner of a companion animal prior to euthanizing such animal.

**NY - A2386** Restricts the breeding of dogs and setting standards for the care of breeding dogs and their puppies

Last Action: Referred To Agriculture (January 16, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Steven Englebright

Summary: Restricts the breeding of dogs and sets standards for the care of breeding dogs and their puppies.

**NY - A2652** Relates to requiring animal dealers to disclose information about disposition of unwanted animals kept as pets

Last Action: Referred To Agriculture (January 20, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Steve Katz

Summary: Requires animal dealers to disclose information about disposition of unwanted animals kept as pets.

**NY - A2846** Requires animal shelters to annually report on intake and disposition of animals

Last Action: Referred To Agriculture (January 20, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember David Weprin

Summary: Requires animal shelters that receive state funding to annually report on intake and disposition of animals; such reports shall be available to the public.

**NY - A2894** Increases the maximum fine for the misdemeanor of abandonment of animals to $2,000

Last Action: Referred To Agriculture (January 20, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Fred Thiele
NY - A2971 Relates to the animal abuser registration act
Last Action: Referred To Agriculture (January 20, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember David McDonough
Summary: Establishes the animal abuser registration act.

NY - A3031 Relates to the penalties for the confinement of companion animals in vehicles at times of extreme temperature
Last Action: Referred To Agriculture (January 21, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Fred Thiele

NY - A3355 Creates the animal abuser central registry, and to require that certain convicted animal abusers register with such registry
Last Action: Referred To Agriculture (January 22, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember David DiPietro
Summary: Creates the animal abuser central registry, and requires that certain convicted animal abusers register with such registry; provides such registrants are prohibited from possessing, adopting, owning, purchasing or exercising control over any animal except in certain cases in the court's discretion; provides fines and imprisonment for non-compliance.

NY - A3374 Prohibits the docking of dog tails for reasons other than to protect the life or health of the dog as deemed necessary by a duly licensed veterinarian
Last Action: Referred To Agriculture (January 22, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Deborah Glick
Summary: Prohibits the docking of dog tails for reasons other than to protect the life or health of the dog as deemed necessary by a duly licensed veterinarian; does not apply to dogs that have been certified as tail docked prior to August 1, 2015.

NY - A3478 Establishes an animal abuser statewide registry
Last Action: Referred To Agriculture (January 23, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Deborah Glick
Summary: Establishes an animal abuser statewide registry with community notification requirements.

NY - A3535 Prohibits persons who have been convicted of animal cruelty from working at an animal shelter
Last Action: Referred To Agriculture (January 23, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Amy Paulin
Summary: Prohibits persons who have been convicted of animal cruelty from working at an animal shelter; makes such violation a class A misdemeanor.

**NY - A3537** Relates to the registration and regulation of animal breeders  
Last Action: Referred To Agriculture (January 23, 2015)  
Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Matthew Titone  
Summary: Relates to the registration and regulation of animal breeders; requires each to be licensed; creates a breeder licensing fund; exempts not-for-profit organizations.

**NY - A3636** Prohibits grocery stores from providing plastic carryout bags and requires grocery stores to provide recyclable paper bags at no charge to customers  
Last Action: Referred To Environmental Conservation (January 27, 2015)  
Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Michael DenDekker

**NY - A3645** Requires milk produced by cows fed, injected with or administered growth hormones to be so labeled  
Last Action: Referred To Agriculture (January 27, 2015)  
Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Keith L.T. Wright  
Summary: Requires milk which is produced by cows which are fed, injected with or in any way administered growth hormones to be labeled "This milk was produced by cows administered growth hormones".

**NY - A4054** Notifies trainers and owners of responsible and humane retirement of horses  
Last Action: Referred To Racing And Wagering (January 29, 2015)  
Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Deborah Glick  
Summary: Requires owners and trainers to complete an online training course detailing their responsibilities as a condition of their licensure; requires educational material established by the department of agriculture and markets regarding the responsible and humane retirement of horses to be distributed by equine veterinarians in the state.

**NY - A4239** Prohibits sport killing of zoo, carnival or circus animals  
Last Action: Enacting Clause Stricken (February 5, 2015)  
Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Deborah Glick  
Summary: Prohibits sport killing of zoo, carnival or circus animals; prohibits the sale, transfer, donation, or acceptance of the sale, transfer or donation where the zoo, carnival or circus animal may be intentionally killed for sport.
**NY - A4309** Enacts the safe cosmetics act of 2015  
Last Action: Referred To Health (January 30, 2015)  
Primary Sponsor: **Assemblymember Michele Titus**  
Summary: Enacts the safe cosmetics act of 2015; provides recognition of an "authoritative body" for the purpose of identifying chemicals that can cause cancer reproductive toxicity.

**NY - A4378** In relation to prohibiting the sport killing of zoo, carnival or circus animals  
Last Action: Referred To Environmental Conservation (January 30, 2015)  
Primary Sponsor: **Assemblymember Deborah Glick**  
Summary: Prohibits the sport killing of zoo, carnival or circus animals; provides that violations shall be punishable by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars nor more than two thousand dollars.

**NY - A4404** Prohibits the slaughter of horses for human consumption  
Last Action: Print Number 4404a (February 23, 2015)  
Primary Sponsor: **Assemblymember Deborah Glick**  
Summary: Prohibits any person from slaughtering a horse where such person knows or has reason to know that such horse will be used for human consumption; and prohibits any person from selling, bartering, giving away, purchasing, possessing, transporting, delivering or receiving horseflesh where such person knows or should know that such horseflesh is intended for human consumption; and provides penalties for violation.

**NY - A4734** Prohibits disposal of spoils containing toxic pollutants into the waters of the marine district  
Last Action: Referred To Environmental Conservation (February 5, 2015)  
Primary Sponsor: **Assemblymember William Colton**  
Summary: Prohibits the disposal of any dredged spoils containing toxic pollutants into the waters of the marine district.

**NY - A4786** Prohibits the ownership, possession or harboring of a wild animal or reptile  
Last Action: Referred To Agriculture (February 6, 2015)  
Primary Sponsor: **Assemblymember Barbara Clark**  
Summary: Prohibits the ownership, possession or harboring of a wild animal or reptile; makes violation a class E felony.

**NY - A4924** Prohibits the sale of personal care products or cosmetics containing microbeads  
Last Action: Referred To Environmental Conservation (February 9, 2015)  
Primary Sponsor: **Assemblymember Michelle Schimel**
**NY - A5276** Provides a tax credit for spay or neuter services  
*Last Action: Referred To Ways And Means (February 17, 2015)*  
*Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember James Tedisco*

**NY - A5716** Relates to allowing the use of rifles for hunting in Rockland County  
*Last Action: Referred To Environmental Conservation (March 3, 2015)*  
*Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Karl Brabenec*  
*Summary: Allows for rifle hunting in Rockland county.*

**NY - A5791** Prohibits release of certain balloons  
*Last Action: Reported Referred To Codes (June 1, 2015)*  
*Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Brian Kavanagh*  
*Summary: Prohibits the outdoor release of 25 or more balloons inflated with a gas that is lighter than air within a 24 hour period in order to reduce litter and protect the marine environment; makes related provisions for enforcement and for certain exceptions.*

**NY - A5842** Provides for a prohibition on trapping animals for sport  
*Last Action: Referred To Environmental Conservation (March 5, 2015)*  
*Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Brian Kavanagh*

**NY - A5845** Establishes the environmental sustainability education act  
*Last Action: Referred To Education (March 5, 2015)*  
*Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Brian Kavanagh*  
*Summary: Requires the department of education to establish an education for environmental sustainability program to teach children the importance of conserving and protecting our environment.*

**NY - A5861** Relates to instruction in the humane treatment of animals and the requirement of training in the humane treatment of animals for the certification of teachers  
*Last Action: Referred To Education (March 5, 2015)*  
*Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Brian Kavanagh*  
*Summary: Relates to classroom instruction in the humane treatment of animals and the requirement of training in the humane treatment of animals for the certification or licensing of classroom teachers, teaching assistants, pupil personnel service professionals, school administrators or supervisors or superintendents of schools.*

**NY - A5862** Establishes the farm pesticide collection program for the collection and disposal of
pesticides from farms within the state
Last Action: Referred To Environmental Conservation (March 5, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Brian Kavanagh
Summary: Establishes the farm pesticide collection program for the collection and disposal of pesticides from farms within the state; provides that such program shall be administered jointly by the department of environmental conservation and the department of agriculture and markets; creates a fund to cover costs of program and outreach effort from fees paid by registration of pesticide businesses.

NY - A5896 Enacts the "microbead-free waters act" to prohibit the sale of personal cosmetic products containing microbeads
Last Action: Referred To Environmental Conservation (April 22, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Michelle Schimel
Summary: Enacts the "Microbead-free waters act" to prohibit the sale of personal cosmetic products containing microbeads.

NY - A5948 Relates to the non-therapeutic use of antimicrobial agents in animals
Last Action: Referred To Agriculture (March 9, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Brian Kavanagh
Summary: Relates to restrictions on non-therapeutic use of antimicrobial agents in animals in the absence of any clinical sign of disease in the animals.

NY - A6126 Relates to aggravated cruelty to animals in the presence of a child
Last Action: Referred To Agriculture (March 16, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember Linda Rosenthal
Summary: Relates to aggravated cruelty to animals in the presence of a child; increases the potential term of imprisonment from two to four years when such crime is committed in the presence of a child; defines presence of a child.

NY - A7062 Gives the commissioner of agriculture and markets the power to establish a federal food safety compliance program to support farmers in complying with federal food safety rules
Last Action: Substituted By S2673 (June 16, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Assemblymember William Magee
Summary: Gives the commissioner of agriculture and markets the power to establish a federal food safety compliance assistance program to support farmers in complying with federal food safety rules.
**NY - A7138** Increases the penalties for owners of dangerous dogs  
Last Action: Referred To Agriculture (April 24, 2015)  
Primary Sponsor: **Assemblymember James Tedisco**  
Summary: Increases the penalties for owners of dangerous dogs and subjects certain dangerous dog owners to further investigation.

**NY - A7143** Relates to dangerous dogs  
Last Action: Referred To Agriculture (April 27, 2015)  
Primary Sponsor: **Assemblymember Luis R. Sepúlveda**  
Summary: Relates to dangerous dogs; includes what an officer shall articulate in the determination of whether a dog is dangerous; extends the definition of a dangerous dog to include a dog that has caused unjustified physical injury or death to a companion animal or domestic animal.

**NY - A7357** Relates to authorizing hunting in the county of Wayne  
Last Action: Substituted By S5181b (June 16, 2015)  
Primary Sponsor: **Assemblymember Robert Oaks**

**NY - A7467** Directs the commissioner of environmental conservation to create gift cards for hunting and fishing licenses  
Last Action: Reported Referred To Ways And Means (June 1, 2015)  
Primary Sponsor: **Assemblymember Aileen Gunther**

**NY - A8261** Requires research dogs and cats at certain facilities to be offered for adoption through private placement or with non-profit animal rescue and shelter organizations prior to euthanization  
Last Action: Referred To Higher Education (June 16, 2015)  
Primary Sponsor: **Assemblymember Linda Rosenthal**  
Summary: Establishes the research animal retirement act; requires research dogs and cats at higher education research facilities or facilities that provide research in collaboration with a higher education facility, to be offered for placement with non-profit animal rescue and shelter organizations; provides that such facilities may enter into agreements with rescue and shelter organizations for implementation.

**NY - A8394** Prohibits the possession and transport of certain animals and body parts thereof at airports and port facilities owned or operated by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey  
Last Action: Referred To Corporations, Authorities And Commissions (October 2, 2015)  
Primary Sponsor: **Assemblymember Linda Rosenthal**  
Summary: Prohibits the possession and transport of certain animals and body parts thereof at
airports and port facilities owned or operated by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey; includes the big five African species, species determined to be endangered by the commissioner of the department of environmental conservation, those that appear on the list of nongame species or appear on any federal list of endangered or threatened species, or has been proposed to be included on any such list.

NY - S56 Prohibits cruel treatment of elephants
Last Action: Referred To Agriculture (January 7, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Brad Hoylman (D)
Summary: Prohibits cruel treatment of elephants; prohibits the possession of certain devices; prohibits the use of certain devices on elephants; prohibits acts which cause pain, injury or death to an elephant; any violation of this section shall constitute a class E felony.

NY - S410 Increases the maximum fine for the misdemeanor of abandonment of animals to $2,000
Last Action: Referred To Agriculture (June 3, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Carl L Marcellino (R)

NY - S1081 Relates to community based initiatives for the purpose of trapping, neutering, vaccinating and returning feral cats to the area from which they were trapped
Last Action: Substituted By A2778 (June 24, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Kathleen A. Marchione (R)

NY - S1246 Relates to prohibitions on circus performances
Last Action: Referred To Consumer Protection (January 9, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Phil Boyle (R)
Summary: Relates to prohibitions on circus performances; prohibits circuses from conducting shows or other performances in the state for two years where a circus has been found to be in violation or in non-compliance with the Animal Welfare Act of 1966.

NY - S1270 Includes wildlife animals as those subject to the animal cruelty provisions
Last Action: Referred To Agriculture (January 9, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Phil Boyle (R)
Summary: Includes wildlife animals as those subject to the animal cruelty provisions of the agriculture and markets law.

NY - S1599 Relates to permitting the use of peregrine falcons in falconry
Last Action: Referred To Environmental Conservation (April 22, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator John J. Bonacic (R)
Summary: Directs the commissioner of DEC to remove peregrine falcons from the endangered species list and to promulgate regulations for their use in falconry.

NY - S2102 Relates to the penalties for the confinement of companion animals in vehicles at times of extreme temperature
Last Action: Referred To Agriculture (June 3, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Kenneth P. LaValle (R)

NY - S2629 Relates to the care of animals by pet dealers
Last Action: Referred To Agriculture (January 27, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Jack M. Martins (R)
Summary: Relates to the care of animals by pet dealers; establishes care and breeding standards for pet dealers when dealing with dogs.

NY - S2634 Makes contests and competitions to take wildlife unlawful
Last Action: Referred To Environmental Conservation (January 27, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Jack M. Martins (R)
Summary: Provides that it shall be unlawful for any person to organize, conduct, promote or participate in any contest or competition where the objective of such contest or competition is to take the greatest number of wildlife.

NY - S3117 Relates to providing notice upon requests for public information regarding certain farm operations
Last Action: Referred To Agriculture (June 1, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Robert Ortt (R)

NY - S3400 Limits ownership or possession of companion animals by "Buster's Law" violators
Last Action: Referred To Agriculture (February 6, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Phil Boyle (R)
Summary: Limits ownership or possession of companion animals by "Buster's Law" violators and adds definition of equine companion while taking horses out of farm animal definition.

NY - S3546 Creates the rescued animals spay and neuter fund
Last Action: Referred To Investigations And Government Operations (February 12, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Phil Boyle (R)
Summary: Creates the rescued animals spay and neuter fund; authorizes the department of taxation
and finance to place a check-off box on income tax returns for taxpayers to contribute money to the fund.

**NY - S3999** Confinement of animals for food producing purposes  
Last Action: Referred To Agriculture (February 25, 2015)  
Primary Sponsor: Senator Phil Boyle (R)  
Summary: Pertains to confinement of animals for food producing purposes; prohibits any person to tether or confine any pig during pregnancy, calf raised for veal, or egg-laying hen who is kept on a farm for all or the majority of any day in a manner that prevents such animal from lying down, standing up and fully extending its limbs and turning around freely; establishes that commission of such crime shall constitute a class A misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for a period not to exceed one year and/or fine not to exceed $1,000.

**NY - S4265** Relates to aggravated cruelty to animals  
Last Action: Referred To Agriculture (June 3, 2015)  
Primary Sponsor: Senator Liz Krueger

**NY - S4415** Creates the responsible retirement of racehorses fund; horse registration fee  
Last Action: Referred To Finance (March 19, 2015)  
Primary Sponsor: Senator Kenneth P. LaValle (R)  
Summary: Creates the responsible retirement of racehorses fund; establishes a horse registration fee; provides such funds be expended to support responsible retirement of racehorses in this state.

**NY - S4452** In relation to prohibiting the sport killing of zoo, carnival or circus animals  
Last Action: Referred To Environmental Conservation (March 20, 2015)  
Primary Sponsor: Senator Kenneth P. LaValle (R)  
Summary: Prohibits the sport killing of zoo, carnival or circus animals; provides that violations shall be punishable by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars nor more than two thousand dollars.

**NY - S4567** Relates to implementing a dangerous dog owner alert system  
Last Action: Referred To Local Government (March 27, 2015)  
Primary Sponsor: Senator Hugh T. Farley (R)

**NY - S4619** Relates to the registration and regulation of animal breeders  
Last Action: Referred To Agriculture (April 1, 2015)  
Primary Sponsor: Senator Andrew J Lanza (R)  
Summary: Relates to the registration and regulation of animal breeders; requires each to be
licensed; creates a breeder licensing fund; exempts not-for-profit organizations.

**NY - S4686** Enacts "Cecil's law" relating to banning the importation, transportation and possession of certain African wildlife species and products
Last Action: Print Number 4686a (August 7, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Tony Avella (D)

**NY - S5114** Relates to enhanced penalties for aggravated cruelty to animals
Last Action: Referred To Agriculture (May 1, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Andrew J Lanza (R)

**NY - S5115** Relates to penalties for committing multiple animal cruelty offenses
Last Action: Referred To Agriculture (May 1, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Andrew J Lanza (R)

**NY - S5116** Relates to penalties for aggravated cruelty to animals
Last Action: Referred To Agriculture (May 1, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Andrew J Lanza (R)

**NY - S5117** Relates to penalties for causing the death of an animal
Last Action: Referred To Agriculture (May 1, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Andrew J Lanza (R)

**NY - S5118** Relates to penalties for intent to cause injury to an animal
Last Action: Referred To Agriculture (May 1, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Andrew J Lanza (R)

**NY - S5279** Authorizes a consumer to seek reimbursement for treatment for an unfit cat or dog within 6 months of the purchase of such animal from a pet dealer
Last Action: Referred To Consumer Protection (May 12, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Leroy Comrie (D)
Summary: Enacts "Charlemagne's Law"; authorizes a consumer to seek reimbursement for treatment for an unfit cat or dog within 6 months of the purchase of such animal from a pet dealer; provides that, the consumer shall be entitled to reimbursement for all veterinary services related to the condition of the cat or dog which made it unfit for purchase; eliminates the right of a consumer to return for a refund, or return and exchange such unfit cat or dog.
NY - S5320 Provides for training for police regarding animal cruelty and protection laws
Last Action: Substituted By A7207 (June 16, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Patty Ritchie (R)

NY - S5444 Establishes a state commercial fishing industry advocate and creates a small business commercial fishing economic development program to promote small businesses in the state’s commercial fishing industry
Last Action: Returned To Senate (June 16, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Kenneth P. LaValle (R)
Summary: Establishes a state small business commercial fishing industry advocate and creates a commercial fishing economic development program to promote small businesses in the state’s small business commercial fishing industry; defines terms; provides for an annual report.

NY - S6072 Prohibits the possession and transport of certain animals and body parts thereof at airports and port facilities owned or operated by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
Last Action: Referred To Rules (October 21, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Brad Hoylman (D)
Summary: Prohibits the possession and transport of certain animals and body parts thereof at airports and port facilities owned or operated by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey; includes the big five African species, species determined to be endangered by the commissioner of the department of environmental conservation, those that appear on the list of nongame species or appear on any federal list of endangered or threatened species, or has been proposed to be included on any such list.

OH - HB131 Animal diseases/weights and measures/livestock sales/pesticides
Last Action: Accept Standing Committee Report - Substitute (October 21, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Dorothy Pelanda (R)
Summary: Summary as As Reported By Senate Committee

OH - HB165 Active military-on leave/furlough-hunt deer/wild turkey without permit
Last Action: Accept Standing Committee Report (October 13, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Doug Green (R)
Summary: Summary as As Reported By House Committee

OH - HB177 Animal cruelty-violator registry
Last Action: Refer to Committee (May 5, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Nicholas J. Celebrezze (D)
**OH - HB198** Humane societies-abolish law enforcement duties
Last Action: Refer to Committee (May 19, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Stephen D. Hambley (R)
Summary: Summary as As Introduced

**OH - HB267** Deer-conservation
Last Action: Refer to Committee (October 1, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Margaret Ann Ruhl (R)
Summary: Summary as As Introduced

**OH - HCR24** To encourage the United States Senate to take legislative action opposing a clean water rule proposed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.
Last Action: Introduced and Referred to Committee (September 16, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Jeffery S. Rezabek (R)

**OH - SB75** Agritourism
Last Action: Accept Standing Committee Report - Substitute (October 22, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Shannon Jones (R)
Summary: Summary as As Reported By Senate Committee

**OH - SB195** Sexual conduct with animal-prohibit/impound animal/counseling
Last Action: Refer to Committee (September 17, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Jim Hughes (R)
Summary: Summary as As Introduced

**OH - SB215** Forcibly enter motor vehicle-rescue minor/animal-immunity
Last Action: Refer to Committee (September 30, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Jim Hughes (R)
Summary: Summary as AsIntroduced

**OK - HB1787** Game and fish; prohibiting the sale, purchase, barter or possession with intent to sell of ivory or rhinoceros horn; effective date.
Last Action: Second Reading referred to Wildlife (February 3, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Mike Shelton (D)
Summary: Summary as Introduced
**OK - SB776** Wildlife; modifying provisions relating to keeping or exhibiting native cats or bears.

*Effective date. Emergency.*

Last Action: Second Reading referred to Tourism and Wildlife (February 4, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Senator Randy Bass (D)**

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**OR - HB2534** Directs State Fish and Wildlife Commission to adopt rules prohibiting use of drones for certain purposes related to pursuit of wildlife.


Primary Sponsor: **Representative Brad Witt (D)**

Summary: Directs State Fish and Wildlife Commission to adopt rules prohibiting use of drones for certain purposes related to pursuit of wildlife.

Directs State Fish and Wildlife Commission to adopt rules prohibiting use of drones for angling or hunting] certain purposes related to pursuit of wildlife.

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**OR - HB3229** Prohibits person convicted of certain crimes from owning, being employed by or providing services at animal grooming parlor or boarding kennel for specified period following conviction.

Last Action: In committee upon adjournment. (July 6, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Representative Gene Whisnant (R)**

Summary: Prohibits person convicted of certain crimes from owning, being employed by or providing services at animal grooming parlor or boarding kennel for specified period following conviction.

Makes violation punishable by maximum of 30 days' imprisonment, $1,250 fine, or both. Makes second or subsequent violation punishable by maximum of one year's imprisonment, $6,250 fine, or both. Prohibits owner of grooming parlor or boarding kennel from hiring person owner knows is prohibited from working at grooming parlor or boarding kennel due to conviction for certain crimes. Prohibits owner of grooming parlor or boarding kennel from allowing provision of services at grooming parlor or boarding kennel by person owner knows is prohibited from providing services at grooming parlor or boarding kennel due to conviction for certain crimes. Makes violation punishable by maximum of six months' imprisonment, $2,500 fine, or both. Requires owner of grooming parlor or boarding kennel to request criminal offender information from Department of State Police before hiring individual to work at grooming parlor or boarding kennel or allowing individual to provide services at grooming parlor or boarding kennel. Subject to exception, makes failure to comply punishable by maximum of $250 fine if owner posted informational notice. Imposes care requirements, other health-related requirements and recordkeeping requirements on owner of boarding kennel. Makes violation punishable by maximum of $10,000 fine. Imposes minimum requirements for boarding kennel enclosures. Makes violation punishable by maximum of one year's imprisonment, $6,250 fine, or both. Replaces term "owner" with "keeper" for purposes of certain statutes establishing crimes involving animals. Defines "keeper."
**OR - HB3569** Imposes moratorium until December 31, 2026, on use of hydraulic fracturing for oil and gas exploration and production.

Last Action: In committee upon adjournment. (July 6, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Ken Helm (D)

Summary: Imposes moratorium until December 31, 2026, on use of hydraulic fracturing for oil and gas exploration and production.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**OR - SB175** Modifies certain penalties for wildlife law violations.

Last Action: Effective date, June 11, 2015. (June 15, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Brian Boquist (R)

Summary: Modifies certain penalties for wildlife law violations.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**OR - SB419** Directs animal impounding facilities to work with animal rescue groups to facilitate adoption of animals.

Last Action: In committee upon adjournment. (July 6, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Jeff Kruse (R)

Summary: Directs animal impounding facilities to work with animal rescue groups to facilitate adoption of animals.

Establishes requirements for animal care and adoption process for animal impounding facilities.

Authorizes humane investigative agency volunteer to be commissioned by Superintendent of State Police as humane special agent.

**OR - SB614** Provides that peace officer may enter motor vehicle and impound animal when peace officer is authorized by law and has probable cause to believe animal is being subjected to certain criminal offenses.

Last Action: Effective date, January 1, 2016. (June 1, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Tim Knopp (R)

Summary: Provides that peace officer may enter motor vehicle and impound animal when peace officer is authorized by law and has probable cause to believe animal is being subjected to certain criminal offenses.

**PA - HB698** An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in hunting and furtaking, further providing for unlawful devices and methods; and, in special licenses and permits, further providing for permits for individuals with disabilities.

Last Action: Referred to GAME AND FISHERIES (October 30, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Jim Marshall (R)
**PA - HB1537** An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in riot, disorderly conduct and related offenses, providing for prohibiting the import, sale, purchase, barter or possession of ivory or rhinoceros horn.

Last Action: No activity found. (November 6, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: **Representative Mike Vereb (R)**

**PA - HB1573** An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in special licenses and permits, further providing for exotic wildlife dealer permits.

Notes: This bill pertains to "canned hunting." It bans the "(i) The shooting or spearing of exotic wildlife that is tied or hobbled. (ii) The shooting or spearing of exotic wildlife that is staked or attached to any object. (iii) The shooting or spearing of exotic wildlife that is confined in a box, pen, cage or similar container or in a fenced or other area from which there is no means for the wildlife to escape. (iv) The deliberate release of exotic wildlife that is confined in a box, pen, cage or similar container or in a fenced or other area from which there is no means for the wildlife to escape in the presence of any person who is, or will be, shooting or spearing the wildlife.

Last Action: Referred to GAME AND FISHERIES (September 30, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: **Representative Tim Briggs (D)**

**PA - SB263** An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in special licenses and permits, further providing for definitions, for exotic wildlife possession permits and for menagerie permits.

Last Action: Referred to GAME AND FISHERIES (January 16, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: **Senator Richard L. Alloway (R)**

**PA - SB264** An Act amending Title 12 (Commerce and Trade) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, prohibiting the sale of shark fins; and imposing a penalty.

Last Action: Referred to JUDICIARY (May 13, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: **Senator Richard L. Alloway (R)**

**PA - SB527** An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in falsification and intimidation, providing for the offenses of failure to comply with animal abuse registration requirements and of illegal use of animal abuse registry information; in sentencing, providing for animal abuse registry; and establishing the Animal Abuse Registry Fund.

Last Action: Referred to JUDICIARY (February 20, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: **Senator Lawrence M. Farnese (D)**
**PA - SB594** An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the offense of cruelty to animals.

Last Action: Referred to JUDICIARY (June 5, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Senator Andrew E. Dinniman (D)**

**PA - SB698** An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in riot, disorderly conduct and related offenses, providing for the offense of use of live animals in traveling exhibitions.

Last Action: Referred to JUDICIARY (April 23, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Senator Daylin Leach (D)**

**PA - SB737** An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in hunting and furtaking, further providing for unlawful devices and methods.

Last Action: Removed from table (October 26, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Senator Scott E. Hutchinson (R)**

**RI - HB5162** AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS (Requires that the shelter and nourishment of dogs conform to standards set by Tufts Animal Care and Conditions Scale.)

Last Action: Committee recommends passage in concurrence (June 24, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Representative Joseph J. Solomon, Jr. (D)**

**RI - HB5414** AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMAL AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Requires a court of competent jurisdiction to order the appointment of an animal care advocate where animal cruelty is at issue.)

Last Action: Committee recommended measure be held for further study (March 3, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Representative Cale P. Keable (D)**

**RI - HB5466** AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Increases the imprisonment penalty for a malicious injury or killing of an animal from 2 to 5 years. Also, imposes an additional assessment if it can be proven that the convicted person is found to have committed said offense in the presence of a child.)

Last Action: Committee recommended measure be held for further study (March 3, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: **Representative William W. O'Brien (D)**

**RI - HB5477** AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE - GENERAL PROVISIONS (Prohibits and/or regulates the possession or sale of shark fins.)
RI - HB5505  AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- ANIMAL CARE  
(Makes changes in the definitions of what constitutes unlawful confinement, and would apply them 
throughout the chapter accordingly.)

Last Action: Referred to Senate Judiciary (June 18, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Patricia A. Serpa (D)

RI - HB5678  AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- ANIMAL CARE  
(Requires that municipal animal control officers be certified by the National Animal Care & Control 
Association.)

Last Action: Placed on House Calendar  (06/25/2015) (June 25, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Thomas A. Palangio (D)

RI - HB6100  AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY - RIGHT TO FARM (Adds 
weddings to the list of permissible mixed-uses of farms and farmlands.)

Last Action: Committee recommended Substitute A be held for further study (June 4, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Eileen S. Naughton (D)

RI - SB412  AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY- NUMBER OF CATS 
ALLOWED (Limits the number of cats per household to ten (10) without special permission.)

Last Action: Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture (February 25, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Paul V. Jabour (D)

SC - SB3917  Animal cruelty

Last Action: Referred to Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources (April 29, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Todd K. Atwater (R)

Summary:  A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 47-1-10, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH 
CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN REGARD TO CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, SO AS 
TO DEFINE THE TERM "COMPANION ANIMAL"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 47-1-45 SO AS TO 
PROHIBIT THE TATTOOING OR PIERCING OF A COMPANION ANIMAL EXCEPT FOR 
SPECIFIED REASONS AND TO PROVIDE CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR A VIOLATION WHICH IS 
A MISDEMEANOR.

SC - SJR804  Wildlife management area regulations (D. No. 4546)

Last Action: Recommitted to Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry (June 2, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Unknown

Summary: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, RELATING TO WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA REGULATIONS; TURKEY HUNTING RULES AND SEASONS; AND EITHER-SEX DAYS AND ANTLERLESS DEER LIMITS FOR PRIVATE LANDS IN GAME ZONES 1-6, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4546, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

TN - SB702 Animal Control - As introduced, authorizes private property owners to eradicate wild hogs year-round in Bledsoe and White counties by any means necessary, except by the use of dogs during seasons designated for deer hunting in such counties. - Amends TCA Title 70, Chapter 4, Part 1.

Last Action: Re-refer to Senate Calendar Committee (April 7, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Paul Bailey (R)

Summary: Abstract summarizes the bill.

TN - SB931 Animal Cruelty and Abuse - As introduced, subjects humane societies that make arrests to the supervision of local sheriffs; prohibits humane societies from making arrests in counties with government animal control agencies; restricts the authority of humane societies to place a lien against owners of animals found at large. - Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 14; Title 44, Chapter 17 and Title 63, Chapter 12.

Last Action: Passed on Second Consideration, refer to Senate Judiciary Committee (February 18, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Janice Bowling (R)

Summary: Under present law:

(1) The agents of any society that is incorporated for the prevention of cruelty to animals, upon being appointed thereto by the president of such a society in any county, may, within that county, make arrests, and bring before any court thereof offenders found violating animal cruelty law with regard to nonlivestock animals. Any officers, agents, or members of such society may lawfully interfere to prevent the perpetration of any act of cruelty upon any animal in that person's presence. Any person who interferes with or obstructs any officer, agent, or member in the discharge of this duty commits a Class C misdemeanor. Any agent or officer of a society may lawfully destroy, or cause to be destroyed, any animal found abandoned or in other circumstance; and

(2) Such societies may also, in case any impounded animal is without necessary food and water for more than 12 successive hours, enter any place in which any animal is so confined, and to supply it with necessary food and water so long as it remains so confined. In case any animal is injured, diseased, suffering from the elements, or malnourished, and is found at large by any agent of any humane society chartered by the state, the agent may cause adequate veterinary treatment or shelter or nourishment to be furnished to the animal. The society has a right of action against the
owner of the animal for all necessary and reasonable expenses so incurred. Under this bill, the present law actions described above may only be undertaken by an "authorized humane society," which is defined in this bill as a society that is incorporated for the prevention of cruelty to animals that has been authorized by the sheriff of the county in which the society is located to exercise certain authority in regards to animal cruelty, as discussed below. Under this bill, the sheriff of any county may, at the sheriff’s discretion, authorize any society that is incorporated for the prevention of cruelty to animals and located in the county in which the sheriff has jurisdiction as an authorized humane society. A humane society authorized pursuant to this bill is an authorized humane society only within the county in which the sheriff authorizing the society has jurisdiction. The sheriff of any county may, at the sheriff’s discretion, revoke the authorization of any authorized humane society. No sheriff may authorize a humane society in a county in which a governmental animal control agency operates so that the presence of an authorized humane society would be duplicative. Any authorized humane society exercising authority described above in (1) must do so under the supervision of the county sheriff and, for the purposes of exercising the authority, must comply with all lawful instructions of the sheriff.

**TN - SB1238** Game and Fish Laws - As introduced, establishes extended hunting and fishing seasons for persons who possess valid combination hunting and fishing licenses upon the payment of a fee; proceeds from the payment of the fee are to be expended to support nonprofit volunteer fire departments in this state. - Amends TCA Title 39; Title 70, Chapter 1, Part 4; Title 70, Chapter 2, Part 2 and Title 70, Chapter 4, Part 1.

Last Action: Assigned to General Subcommittee of Senate Energy, Ag., & NR Committee (March 27, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Mike Bell (R)

Summary: Abstract summarizes the bill.

**TX - HB234** Relating to certain costs associated with certain court proceedings for cruelly treated animals; authorizing fees and costs.

Last Action: Referred to Criminal Justice (May 19, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Jessica Farrar

Summary: Summary as Engrossed

**TX - HB1501** Relating to a study concerning the presence and effects of plastic microbeads in water in the state.

Last Action: Referred to Natural Resources (March 10, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Ryan Guillen

**TX - HB2276** Relating to the development and maintenance of certain records and written policies of
animal shelters and releasing agencies; amending a provision subject to a criminal penalty.

Last Action: Committee report sent to Calendars (May 12, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Gary Elkins
Summary: Summary as House Committee Report

**TX - HB3057** Relating to the creation of a pilot program for the purpose of controlling certain predatory animals.

Last Action: Referred to Agriculture, Water, & Rural Affairs (May 13, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Andrew Murr
Summary: Summary as House Committee Report

**Notes:** Oppose: This bill adds the Zoological Association of America to the list of those exempted from the dangerous wild animal registration requirements in TX.

Last Action: Referred to Culture, Recreation & Tourism (March 17, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Jason Isaac

**TX - SB908** Relating to establishment and functions of the Animal Welfare Commission.

Last Action: Referred to Agriculture, Water, & Rural Affairs (March 9, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Judith Zaffirini

**TX - SB1781** Relating to the euthanasia of animals in animal shelters located in certain counties.

Last Action: Returned to Local & Consent Calendars Comm. (May 27, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative José Menéndez
Summary: Summary as House Committee Report

**TX - SB1990** Relating to the disclosure of information about water used in hydraulic fracturing.

Last Action: Referred to Natural Resources & Economic Development (March 25, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative José Menéndez

**VA - SB1001** Dogs or cats; sell, exchange, etc., prohibited on or in any roadside, parkway, etc.

Last Action: Acts of Assembly Chapter text (CHAP0679) (March 27, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator William M. Stanley, Jr.
Summary: Sale and procurement of certain pets. Prohibits the sale or display of a dog or cat on or in a roadside, parking lot, flea market, or similar place, with certain exceptions. The bill limits the sources of pet shop dogs to humane societies, public or private animal shelters, and those who
meet certain qualifications and establishes a recordkeeping requirement for pet shops selling dogs. The bill also applies the existing misdemeanor penalty for a violation of the section to each dog sold or offered for sale.

**VA - SB1315** Nonhuman primates; acquisition prohibited, penalties.
Last Action: Left in Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources (February 24, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Lynwood W. Lewis, Jr.
Summary: Nonhuman primates; penalties. Prohibits the acquisition of nonhuman primates and controls the ownership of such primates already in the Commonwealth. The bill prohibits the possession, sale, transfer, or breeding of a primate, defined as any species of the taxonomic order Primates except humans. The bill excepts from the prohibition certain institutions, such as zoos, qualified transporters passing through the Commonwealth, those in possession of a state or federal exhibitor's license, and those in lawful possession of a primate prior to July 1, 2015, as long as they meet certain conditions. The bill authorizes the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries to adopt regulations to carry out the law. Finally, the bill provides a procedure for the seizure of a primate in certain circumstances; the bill provides that a violation of any of its provisions is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

**VT - H56** An act relating to strict liability for dog owners
Last Action: Released for introduction (November 6, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Michael Mrowicki (D)

**VT - H122** An act relating to the possession, sale, and distribution of shark fins
Last Action: Read First Time and Referred to the Committee on Fish, Wildlife & Water Resources (February 5, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Jim McCullough (D)

**VT - H297** An act relating to the sale of ivory or rhinoceros horn
Last Action: Read First Time and Referred to the Committee on Fish, Wildlife & Water Resources (February 24, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Kurt Wright (R)

**VT - H374** An act relating to prohibiting the confinement of gestating sows
Last Action: Released for introduction (November 6, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Patti Komline (R)

**VT - H410** An act relating to increasing penalties for fish and wildlife violations
Last Action: Read First Time and Referred to the Committee on Fish, Wildlife & Water Resources
VT - H460 An act relating to prohibiting the use of lead ammunition for the taking of wildlife
Last Action: Read First Time and Referred to the Committee on Fish, Wildlife & Water Resources (March 10, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Willem Jewett (D)

VT - H466 An act relating to recognizing the rescue dog as the State Dog
Last Action: Released for introduction (November 6, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Job Tate (R)

VT - S25 An act relating to recognizing the beagle as the State Dog
Last Action: Released for introduction (November 6, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator John Rodgers (D)

VT - S47 An act relating to prohibiting the manufacture or sale of personal care products and over-the-counter drugs containing microbeads
Last Action: Released for introduction (November 6, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Brian Campion (D)

VT - S134 An act relating to water quality improvement
Last Action: Released for introduction (November 6, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Virginia “Ginny” Lyons (D)

VT - S150 An act relating to the Vermont Spay Neuter Incentive Program
Last Action: Released for introduction (November 6, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Jeanette K. White (D)

WA - HB1199 Providing the fish and wildlife commission with the tools necessary to enact changes to the status of a species.
Last Action: By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status. (June 28, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Shelly Short (R)
Summary: Summary as Bill Digest

WA - HB1224 Accelerating the rate of wolf recovery in Washington.
WA - HB1225 Increasing the social acceptance of endangered species recovery by providing the fish and wildlife commission with the tools necessary to enact changes to the status of a species.

Last Action: By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status. (June 28, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Joel Kretz (R)
Summary: Summary as Bill Digest

WA - HB1346 Allowing additional hunting opportunities on state land.

Last Action: By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status. (June 28, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Brian Blake (D)
Summary: Summary as Substitute Bill Digest

WA - HB1791 Requiring the department of fish and wildlife to manage wolf-related wildlife interactions using lethal means when certain conditions are satisfied.

Last Action: By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status. (June 28, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Joel Kretz (R)
Summary: Summary as Bill Digest

WA - HB1792 Requiring the department of fish and wildlife to amend the existing wolf conservation and management plan.

Last Action: By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status. (June 28, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Joel Kretz (R)
Summary: Summary as Bill Digest

WA - HB1838 Concerning the baiting of black bears.

Last Action: By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status. (June 28, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Drew MacEwen (R)
Summary: Summary as Substitute Bill Digest

WA - HB1963 Requiring that the departments of fish and wildlife and ecology use empirical science to support agency actions affecting land use.

Last Action: By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status. (June 28, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Griffey
**WA - HB2115** Concerning cetacean captivity.
Last Action: By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status. (June 28, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Brian Blake (D)
Summary: Summary as Bill Digest

**WA - HJM4002** Requesting the Washington fish and wildlife commission to revisit the gray wolf conservation and management plan.
Last Action: By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status. (June 28, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Joel Kretz (R)
Summary: Summary as Bill Digest

**WA - SB5673** Concerning the distribution of synthetic cannabinoids and bath salts.
Last Action: By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status. (June 28, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Mike Padden (R)
Summary: Summary as Bill Digest

**WA - SB5938** Providing for the partial delisting of the gray wolf by the fish and wildlife commission.
Last Action: By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status. (June 28, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Brian Dansel (R)
Summary: Summary as Bill Digest

**WA - SB5940** Concerning a pilot program for cougar control.
Last Action: By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status. (June 28, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Brian Dansel (R)
Summary: Summary as Bill Digest

**WA - SB5960** Requiring the department of fish and wildlife to update the 2011 wolf conservation and management plan to ensure the establishment of a self-sustaining population of gray wolves while also ensuring social tolerance of wolf recovery.
Last Action: By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status. (June 28, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Brian Dansel (R)
Summary: Summary as Substitute Bill Digest

**WA - SB5962** Requiring the department of fish and wildlife to amend the existing wolf conservation
and management plan.

Last Action: By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status. (June 28, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Brian Dansel (R)
Summary: Summary as Bill Digest

**WA - SB5963** Requiring the department of fish and wildlife to manage wolf-related wildlife interactions using lethal means when certain conditions are satisfied.

Last Action: By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status. (June 28, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Brian Dansel (R)
Summary: Summary as Bill Digest

**WI - AB44** Relating to: transfer of certain fish and game approvals to persons with disabilities and the transfer of Class A bear licenses to persons awarded the Purple Heart or serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces. (FE)

Last Action: Referred to committee on Rules (October 15, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative André Jacque (R)

**WI - AB127** Relating to: possession of dogs by certain felony offenders and providing a criminal penalty. (FE)

Last Action: Fiscal estimate received (April 16, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative André Jacque (R)

**WI - AB333** Relating to: the possession of certain wild animals and providing a penalty. (FE)

Last Action: Fiscal estimate received (October 1, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Samantha Kerkman (R)

**WI - AB411** Relating to: eliminating age requirements for participating in the hunting mentorship program and hunting devices authorized to be used under the hunting mentorship program.

Last Action: Read first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Sporting Heritage (October 15, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Joel Kleefisch (R)
Next Hearing: Natural Resources and Sporting Heritage (Assembly); November 17, 2015 2:01pm EST; 417 North (GAR Hall)

**WI - AB413** Relating to: liability for damages caused by dogs, court orders to kill a dog, and providing a penalty. (FE)

Last Action: Referred to committee on Rules (October 23, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Mary Czaja (R)

**WI - AB442** Relating to: water quality management planning for Dane County. (FE)
Last Action: Read first time and referred to Committee on Environment and Forestry (October 22, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Gary Hebl (D)

**WI - AB448** Relating to: a trapping mentorship program, restrictions on taking or appropriating a trap or its contents, and requirements for tagging traps.
Last Action: Public hearing held (October 28, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Romaine Quinn (R)
Next Hearing: Natural Resources and Sporting Heritage (Assembly); November 17, 2015 2:00pm EST; 417 North (GAR Hall)

**WI - AB471** Relating to: wild animal protection surcharges for game fish and a higher wild animal protection surcharge for certain animals of a larger size. (FE)
Last Action: Representative Spreitzer added as a coauthor (November 2, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Representative Ken Skowronski (R)
Next Hearing: Natural Resources and Sporting Heritage (Assembly); November 17, 2015 2:01pm EST; 417 North (GAR Hall)

**WI - SB241** Relating to: the possession of certain wild animals and providing a penalty. (FE)
Last Action: Public hearing held (October 1, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Van Wanggaard (R)

**WI - SB338** Relating to: interfering with hunting, fishing, and trapping and providing criminal penalties.
Last Action: Public hearing held (October 28, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Terry Moulton (R)

**WI - SB347** Relating to: carcass tags issued under fish and game laws; registration of carcasses of wild animals; methods of storing, retrieving, printing, and displaying fish and game approvals; counterfeiting or illegal alteration of fish and game approvals; forgery in applying for fish and game approvals or for registration of an all-terrain vehicle, utility terrain vehicle, or snowmobile; transfers of wolf harvesting licenses; the place of trial for a violation of certain fish and game laws; methods ...
Last Action: Fiscal estimate received (November 5, 2015)
Primary Sponsor: Senator Thomas Tiffany (R)
**WI - SB359** Relating to: a trapping mentorship program, restrictions on taking or appropriating a trap or its contents, and requirements for tagging traps.

Last Action: Read first time and referred to Committee on Sporting Heritage, Mining, and Forestry (October 29, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Terry Moulton (R)

**WI - SB361** Relating to: prohibiting the use of certain trapping devices in state parks.

Last Action: Read first time and referred to Committee on Sporting Heritage, Mining, and Forestry (October 29, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Fred Risser (D)

**WI - SB362** Relating to: prohibiting hunting in state parks. (FE)

Last Action: Read first time and referred to Committee on Sporting Heritage, Mining, and Forestry (October 29, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Fred Risser (D)

**WV - HJR22** The Right to Hunt, Fish and Harvest Wildlife Amendment

Last Action: To House Judiciary (February 16, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Bill Hamilton (R)

**WV - SB247** Repealing Dangerous Wild Animals Act

Last Action: To Agriculture and Rural Development (January 16, 2015)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Charles S. Trump IV (R)