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Michigan Humane Bill Summary | 2025-26 Legislative Session*

Michigan Legislation

Bill Number	Primary Sponsor(s)	Description	History	Position
HB 4012	Rep. Mike Hoadley (R)	Would amend the Public Health Code to allow an ambulance to provide emergency transport for a retired police dog.	Introduced 1/14/25 and referred to Government Operations Committee. Reported favorably 5/8/25. Passed Roll Call #202 Yeas 61 Nays 43 Excused 0 Not Voting 6. Referred to Veterans and Emergency Services Committee 9/11/25.	Support.
HB 4130, HB 4131, and HB 4132	HB 4130-Rep. Penelope Tsernoglou (D) HB 4131 - Rep. Joseph Aragona (R) HB 4132 - Rep. Brian BeGole (R)	HB 4131 would amend MCL § 750.50 to provide improved definition of shelter for outdoor dogs. HB 4130 and HB 4132 would amend cross references in the Animal Welfare Fund Act and the Revised Judicature Act, respectively.	Introduced 2/26/25 and referred to the Judiciary Committee.	Support.
SB 111	Sen. Veronica Klinefelt (D)	Would amend the Revised Judicature Act to allow elder and vulnerable adults to petition a circuit court to enter an elder and vulnerable adult PPO. The PPO could, among other things, restrain or enjoin the respondent from causing mental distress or exerting	Introduced 2/27/25 and referred to the Civil Rights, Judiciary and Public Safety Committee. Reported favorably with substitute S-1 on 3/18/25. PASSED ROLL CALL # 44 YEAS 19 NAYS 18 EXCUSED 0 NOT VOTING 0. Referred to Judiciary Committee 4/16/25.	Support.

		control over the petitioner by harming or threatening an animal or removing it from petitioner's possession.		
HB 4204 and HB 4205	HB 4204-Rep. Natalie Price (D) HB 4205-Rep. John Roth (R)	Would amend the Food Law to allow dogs in a microbrewery, small wine maker, or tasting room that does not serve food if a number of requirements are met.	Introduced 3/11/25 and referred to the Regulatory Reform Committee. Both bills reported favorably with substitutes (H-1) on 9/18/25.	Support.
SB 157	Sen. Rosemary Bayer (D)	Would create a new act to regulate pet cemeteries.	Introduced 3/13/25 and referred to the Regulatory Affairs Committee. Reported favorably with substitute S-2 on 5/15/25. PASSED ROLL CALL # 160 YEAS 19 NAYS 18 EXCUSED 0 NOT VOTING 0. Referred to Regulatory Reform 6/10/25.	Support.
SB 193 and SB 194 HB 4220 and HB 4221	SB 193-Sen. Paul Wojno (D) SB 194-Sen. Roger Hauck (R) HB 4220-Rep. Joseph Aragona (R) HB 4221-Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (D)	Would amend the Public Health Code to establish rules for the creation of a veterinarian-client-patient relationship and would allow for the use of veterinary telehealth without a prior in-person examination of the animal.	SB 193 and SB 194-Introduced 3/20/25 and referred to the Natural Resources & Agriculture Committee. HB 4220 and HB 4221-Introduced 3/12/25 and referred to the Regulatory Reform Committee. HB 4220 reported favorably with substitute H-3 on 10/16/25. HB 4221 reported with recommendation for referral to Rules committee on 10/16/25. Reported favorably on 10/30/25. HB 4220 and HB 4221-Passed and given immediate effect Roll Call #305 Yeas 84 Nays 17 Excused 0 Not Voting 9. Referred to Regulatory Affairs 12/2/25.	Support.
SB 200	Sen. Sam Singh (D)	Would amend the Food Law to allow dogs in restaurant outdoor	Introduced 3/20/25 and referred to the Economic & Community Development	Support.

		dining areas if a number of requirements are met.	Committee. Reported favorably on 11/13/25.	
HB 4300	Rep. Stephanie Young (D)	Would amend the Penal Code to allow a court to appoint a trained volunteer attorney or supervised law student to represent the interests of the animal or the interests of justice in a criminal prosecution related to the treatment, welfare, or custody of an animal.	Introduced 3/25/25 and referred to the Judiciary Committee.	Support.
SB 223	Sen. Dayna Polehanki (D)	Would amend the Use of Dogs and Cats for Research Act to require Michigan research facilities to report annually to MDARD on the number of dogs and cats owned, used for research, and released.	Introduced 4/17/25 and referred to the Natural Resources & Agriculture Committee. Reported favorably on 6/11/25 and referred to the Committee of the Whole on 6/12/25.	Support.
SB 283	Sen. Dayna Polehanki (D)	Would amend the Penal Code to create a misdemeanor (<1 year jail and/or fine) for taking a dog without the owner's consent.	Introduced 5/6/25 and referred to the Regulatory Affairs committee.	Support.
SB 293 and SB 294 HB 5360 and HB 5361	SB 293 and SB 294 - Sen. Dayna Polehanki (D) HB 5360 and HB 5361 – Rep. Joseph Aragona (R)	Would improve the bond-or-forfeit provision applicable to MCL 750.50 (SB 293) and MCL 750.50b (SB 294).	SB 293 and SB 294 - Introduced 5/13/25 and referred to the Civil Rights, Judiciary, & Public Safety Committee. Reported favorably 9/11/25. PASSED SENATE ROLL CALL # 229 AND #230 YEAS 29 NAYS 4 EXCUSED 4 NOT VOTING 0. Referred to Judiciary 9/18/25. Passed House Roll Call #292 and #293 Yeas 84 Nays 24 Excused 0 Not Voting 2 7/3/26. Approved by the Governor 7/21/26. Filed with Secretary	Support. (Michigan Humane initiative.) **PASSED!**

			of State and assigned PA 87'26 and PA 88'26 with immediate effect 7/27/26. HB 5360 and HB 5361 – Introduced 12/11/25 and referred to the Judiciary Committee.	
HB 4542 and SB 390	HB 4542 – Rep. Veronica Paiz (D) SB 390 – Sen. Sam Singh (D)	Would impose civil liability and remedies for harm to a service animal by a person or an animal owned by that person.	HB 4542 –Introduced 6/3/25 and referred to the Judiciary Committee. SB 390 – Introduced 6/10/25 and referred to the Civil Rights, Judiciary, & Public Safety Committee.	Support.
HB 4645, HB 4646, HB 4647, HB 4648, HB 4649, HB 4650, and HB 4651	HB 4645 – Rep. Joseph Aragona (R) HB 4646 – Rep. Douglas Wozniak (R) HB 4647 – Rep. Pat Outman (R) HB 4648 – Rep. Stephanie Young (D) HB 4649 – Rep. Penelope Tsernoglou (D) HB 4650 – Rep. Mike McFall (D) HB 4651 – Rep. Gina Johnsen (R)	Would amend the sentencing guidelines to generate more appropriate sentences for felony animal cruelty to a companion animal.	Introduced 6/12/25 and referred to the Judiciary Committee.	Support. (Michigan Humane initiative.)
HB 4732 and HB 4738	HB 4732 – Rep. Jennifer Conlin (D) HB 4738 – Rep. William Bruck (R)	Would amend the Penal Code to create a felony (2 years imprisonment and/or $10,000 fine) for seriously harming or killing a police dog, police horse, or search-	Introduced 7/15/25 and referred to the Judiciary Committee.	Support.

		and-rescue dog in the commission or attempted commission of a crime (HB 4732) and would amend the related sentencing guidelines (HB 4738).		
HB 4770	Rep. Jason Morgan (D)	Would prohibit landlords from charging pre-tenancy fees, including pet application fees.	Introduced 8/14/25 and referred to the Regulatory Reform Committee.	Support.
HB 5063	Rep. Mike McFall (D)	Would create a tax credit for fostering an animal for an animal control shelter, animal protection shelter, or 501(c)(3) animal rescue.	Introduced 9/26/25 and referred to the Finance Committee.	Support.
HB 5265	Rep. Joey Andrews (D)	Would create a grant program to assist veterans with the cost of obtaining a service animal.	Introduced 11/12/25 and referred to the Government Operations Committee.	Support.
HB 5409	Rep. Penelope Tsernoglou (D)	Would amend crime victim compensation act to provide for pet expenses related to relocation, including pet deposit, pet rent, and pet boarding.	Introduced 12/18/25 and referred to the Judiciary Committee.	Support.
HB 5410	Rep. Kimberly Edwards (D)	Would make funding available to domestic violence shelters to shelter and provide support services to “common household pets.”	Introduced 12/18/25 and referred to the Judiciary Committee.	Support.
HB 5580	Rep. Penelope Tsernoglou (D)	Would prohibit consideration of a dog’s breed or mix of breeds in decisions related to residential property liability insurance.	Introduced 2/24/26 and referred to Insurance Committee.	Support.
HB 6230	Rep. Kara Hope (D)	Would amend the Revised Judicature Act and, among other changes, would protect “all household pets, companion	Introduced 7/29/26 and referred to the Government Operations Committee.	Support.

		animals, and service animals" from levy and sale under an execution against a debtor.		
HB 6317	Rep. Jason Morgan (D)	Would promote the welfare and care of community cats and the establishment and implementation of community cat programs and would exempt community cats and some people from statutes and local ordinances concerning the care, treatment, and possession or ownership of cats.	Introduced 8/27/26 and referred to the Government Operations Committee.	Support.

Federal Legislation

Bill Number	Primary Sponsor(s)	Description	History	Position
HR 349	Rep. Nicole Malliotakis (R-NY-11)	Goldie's Act. Would require the USDA to enforce the Animal Welfare Act more effectively to better protect dogs in commercial breeding operations.	Introduced 1/13/25 and referred to Agriculture Committee. On 2/14/25, the Agriculture Committee referred the bill to the Livestock, Dairy and Poultry Subcommittee.	Support.
HR 1661/ S 775	Rep. Vern Buchanan (R-FL-16) Sen. Lyndsey Graham (R-SC)	Saving America's Forgotten Equines (SAFE) Act. Would permanently ban the slaughter of horses for human consumption and prohibit the transport of equines for slaughter.	Introduced 2/27/25 and referred to the House Agriculture Committee and the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee, respectively.	Support.

HR 4921	Rep. Jason Crow (D-CO-6)	Providing for Unhoused People and Pets (PUPP) Act. Would fund sheltering and supportive services that help people experiencing housing instability stay with their pets and keep families together.	Introduced 8/8/25 and referred to the Agriculture Committee and the Financial Services Committee.	Support.
HR 7438	Rep. Brian Mast (R-FL-21)	Providing Essential Temporary Shelter Assistance For Emergencies (PETSAFE) Act of 2026 would amend the Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006 and the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to support emergency preparedness and response efforts for companion animals.	Introduced 2/9/26 and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.	Support.

**Last updated September 9, 2026. This is not an exhaustive list of animal-related legislation in Michigan or the federal legislature. This is a list of bills in which Michigan Humane has an interest.*