

HOUSE LEGISLATION

HB 693 SUPPORT

"ALL DOGS EQUAL"

Referred to House Agriculture & Rural Affairs, Feb. 21, 2025

An Act amending the act of December 7, 1982 (P.L.784, No.225), known as the Dog Law, in licenses, tags and kennels, further providing for requirements for kennels; and abrogating a regulation. The 2008 amendments to the Dog Law did not establish the same requirements for the various other types and classes of kennels licensed in PA (boarding kennels, pet shop-kennels, rescue network kennels, etc.) This legislation would require all kennels licensed by the state to meet the same standards and requirements for the housing, care and well-being of the dogs maintained at their facilities as are presently in place for commercial kennels. It only makes sense that every dog deserves the same protections, irrespective of the type of kennel where it finds itself.

HB 879 OPPOSE

Allows Attorney General authority to investigate felony offenses.

Laid on the table April, 2026

Section 1. Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

§ 5562. Concurrent jurisdiction to prosecute.

(a) Jurisdiction.--

(1) In addition to the authority conferred upon the Attorney General by the act of October 15, 1980 known as the Commonwealth Attorneys Act, and in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3), the Attorney General shall have the authority to investigate and institute criminal proceedings for a felony offense under this subchapter.

(2) The Attorney General may submit a written request to prosecute a felony offense under this subchapter in a criminal court or juvenile delinquency court. The request must be submitted to the district attorney with jurisdiction over the prosecution of the felony offense.

HB 1344 SUPPORTED - PASSED

Develop standards for the training and certification of police canine units to detect fentanyl.

Passed House & Senate - Signed by Governor June 29, 2026

Legislation that will require the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission ("MPOETC") to develop standards for the training and certification of police canine units to detect fentanyl. This will give law enforcement another tool to help combat the deadly fentanyl crisis that is devastating communities across our Commonwealth.

HB 1750 SUPPORT

Holding Funeral Homes Accountable for Pet Cremations

Passed House - In the Senate - Referred to Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure

March 25, 2026

An Act providing for disclosure of cremation services for deceased animals, for distribution and certification, for required notices, for holding facility standards, for recordkeeping requirements and for enforcement; and imposing offenses.

HB 1816 OPPOSE

Victoria's Law

Referred to House Consumer Protection, Technology & Utilities, Aug. 22, 2025

An Act providing for prohibited and required actions regarding pet shop-kennels for dogs, cats and rabbits; imposing duties on the Department of Agriculture; and imposing penalties.

HB 1932 SUPPORT

Animal cruelty : sexual crimes against animals

Laid on the House table, Oct. 27, 2025

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sexual offenses, repealing provisions relating to the offense of sexual intercourse with animal; and, in riot, disorderly conduct and related offenses, further providing for definitions and for the offense of aggravated cruelty to animal, providing for the offense of sexual crimes against animals and further providing for exemption of normal agricultural operations.

HB 2143 OPPOSE

Phoebe's Law - Statewide abuse registry

Referred to House Judiciary Jan. 14, 2026

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sentencing, providing for animal abuse list. Legislation would require individuals convicted of an animal abuse crime to register their personal information and the offense for which they were convicted for a period of 15 years, annually renewing their registration.

HB 2298 OPPOSE

Provides dog wardens right to carry firearms

Referred to House Agriculture & Rural Affairs

March 18, 2026

An Act amending the act of December 7, 1982 (P.L.784, No.225), known as the Dog Law, in short title and definitions, further providing for definitions; and, in enforcement and penalties, further providing for enforcement of this act by the secretary and provisions for inspections.

HB 2363 SUPPORT

Modernizing tagging and reporting of big game harvests

Passed House June 1, 2026 - Senate - Referred to Game & Fisheries June 5, 2026

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in hunting and furtaking, further providing for tagging and reporting big game kills, for shipping or transporting big game and for possession and transportation of small game.

HB 2365 - SUPPORT

Mentored Youth Trapping Licensing

Passed House June 2, 2026 - Senate -

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; in Pennsylvania Game Commission, further providing for junior hunter projects; in hunting and furtaking, further providing for prima facie evidence of hunting and repealing provisions relating to trapping exception for certain persons; in hunting and furtaking licenses, further providing for license requirements, for eligibility for license and for unlawful acts concerning licenses; and, in special licenses and permits, further providing for permit fees.

HB 2387 - SUPPORT

Damages for wrongful death of pets

Referred to House Judiciary April 16, 2026

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in particular rights and immunities, providing for liability for wrongful death of companion animal.

HB 2440 - SUPPORT

Deer baiting permissions under special circumstances

Laid on the House table, May 6, 2026

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in hunting and furtaking, further providing for the offense of unlawful devices and methods.

HB 2460 SUPPORT

Hunting and Trapping Education in Schools

Passed House June 30, 2026 - Senate - Referred to Education July 9, 2026

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in terms and courses of study, providing for hunting and trapping education; and imposing duties on the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

HB 2475 - SUPPORT

Reining in pet rent and fees

Referred to House Housing & Community Development

May 4, 2026

An Act amending the act of April 6, 1951 (P.L.69, No.20), known as The Landlord and Tenant Act of 1951, in recovery of possession, providing for pet fees.

HB 2476 SUPPORT

Protecting Pets in domestic violence cases

Referred to House Judiciary. May 4, 2026

An Act amending the act of November 24, 1998 (P.L.882, No.111), known as the Crime Victims Act, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions.

HB 2494 SUPPORT

Sales tax exclusion for pet food

Referred to House Finance May 7, 2026

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in sales and use tax, further providing for exclusions from tax.

HB 2529 - SUPPORT

Classify medetomidine as a Schedule III controlled substance in Pennsylvania

Referred to Agriculture & Rural Affairs July 9, 2026

An Act amending the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, further providing for schedules of controlled substances and for secure storage of xylazine; and adding provisions relating to medetomidine.

To classify medetomidine as a Schedule III controlled substance in Pennsylvania and require veterinary practitioners to safely store the drug. The legislation would include appropriate exemptions to ensure the continued legitimate use of medetomidine in veterinary medicine.

HB 2555 - SUPPORT

Protecting equine health

Passed House June 24, 2026 - Senate - Referred to Agriculture & Rural Affairs June 26, 2026

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in domestic animals, further providing for definitions and providing for requirements for equines sold by dealer.

HB 2620 SUPPORT

Assisting Pennsylvania's Large Animal Veterinarians

Referred to House Professional Licensure June 10, 2026

An Act amending the act of December 27, 1974 (P.L.995, No.326), known as the Veterinary Medicine Practice Act, further providing for definitions, for Pennsylvania State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners and for additional duties of board of examiners and veterinary technicians; providing for scope of practice for veterinary technicians and veterinary nurses; and further providing for biennial educational requirements, for records and inspection of records, for penalties and for exemptions and exceptions.

HB 2625 OPPOSE

Modernizing fingerprinting and background check requirements for horse racing

Re-committed to House Appropriations July 1, 2026

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in race horse industry reform, further providing for additional powers of commission.

HB 2671 SUPPORT

Wildlife Cruelty

Referred to Game & Fisheries, June 26, 2026 House

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in hunting and furtaking, further providing for unlawful devices and methods; and, in hunting and furtaking licenses, further providing for denial or revocation of licenses and for period of revocation.

HB2696 SUPPORT

Supporting Veterans & Mental Health by Supporting Service Animals

Referred to Agriculture & Rural Affairs July 15, 2026

An Act amending the act of October 24, 2018 (P.L.733, No.118), known as the Assistance and Service Animal Integrity Act, further providing for definitions; establishing the trained service dog card; providing for the documentation of service dogs and for admittance of registered service dog to public accommodations; establishing a trained service dog card database; providing for immunity from liability; providing for the offense of fraudulent misrepresentation of a service dog; and making editorial changes.
An Act amending the act of October 24, 2018 (P.L.733, No.118), known as the Assistance and Service Animal Integrity Act, further providing for definitions; establishing the trained service dog card; providing for the documentation of service dogs and for admittance of registered service dog to public accommodations; establishing a trained service dog card database; providing for immunity from liability; providing for the offense of fraudulent misrepresentation of a service dog; and making editorial changes.

HB 2713 OPPOSE

Animal drawn carriages

Referred to House Judiciary July 24, 2026

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in riot, disorderly conduct and related offenses, further providing for the offense of cruelty to animal.

HB 2717 SUPPORT

Modernizing proof of hunting and furtaking license

Referred to House Game & Fisheries July 27, 2026

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in hunting and furtaking licenses, further providing for unlawful acts concerning licenses.

HB 2729 OPPOSE

Animal Hoarding in Pennsylvania

Referred to House Agriculture & Rural Affairs

Aug. 7, 2026

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in riot, disorderly conduct and related offenses, providing for the offense of animal hoarding; and, in sentencing,

providing for sentencing for animal hoarding.

SENATE LEGISLATION

SB 866 SUPPORT

Allowing controlled substances for veterinarians

Referred to Senate Judiciary June 10, 2026

An Act amending the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, further providing for schedules of controlled substances and for secure storage of xylazine; and adding provisions relating to medetomidine.

SB 1190 OPPOSE

Establishing humane pet retail standards

Companion to HB 1816

Referred to Agriculture & Rural Affairs Feb. 27, 2026

An Act providing for prohibited and required actions regarding pet shop-kennels for dogs, cats and rabbits; imposing duties on the Department of Agriculture; and imposing penalties. This legislation would end the issuance of permits for facilities that acquire dogs, cats, and rabbits from high-volume commercial breeders. By phasing out these operations, we can shift the market toward responsible breeding practices and encourage pet stores to partner with shelters and rescue organizations for adoption events.

SB 1242 SUPPORT

Lost dog registry

Referred to Agriculture & Rural Affairs March 23, 2026

An Act amending the act of December 7, 1982 (P.L.784, No.225), known as the Dog Law, in quarantine, dogs at large and confinement, providing for dog registry.

SB1311 SUPPORT

Aimee's Law

Establishing a felony animal abuser registry

Referred to Judiciary April 28, 2026

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sentencing, providing for an animal abuse registry.

SB 1366 SUPPORT

Support for pet owners escaping domestic violence

Referred to Judiciary June 5, 2026

An Act amending the act of November 24, 1998 (P.L.882, No.111), known as the Crime Victims Act, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions. According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, 71 percent of domestic violence survivors report that their abuser has threatened, injured, or killed family pets. Unfortunately, many domestic violence shelters are unable to take in animals, making a survivor's decision to leave even more complicated. The fear of what might happen to their pets

can delay people from leaving an abusive situation.

SB 1418 SUPPORT

Hunting and Trapping education in schools

Referred to Education July 9, 2026

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in terms and courses of study, providing for hunting and trapping education; and imposing duties on the Department of Education and the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

SB 1431 SUPPORT

Strengthening protections against warrantless searches on private property in Pennsylvania

Referred to Game & Fisheries Aug. 11, 2026

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Pennsylvania Game Commission, further providing for Game Commission officers and employees; and, in enforcement, further providing for powers and duties of enforcement officers.