

LOUISIANA LEGISLATIVE BILLS
Prepared by Coalition of Louisiana Animal Advocates Legislative Committee

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BILL #	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	COLAA POSITION
SB 36	THOMPSON	<u>Proposed law</u> prohibits municipalities, parishes, local governmental entities or governing authorities of any group or association, private or public, having jurisdiction over a specific geographic area from enacting ordinances, laws, subdivision restrictions or regulations establishing standards applicable to the care and well-being of livestock and poultry.	OPPOSE

To view entire text of bill, see <http://legis.state.la.us/billdata/streamdocument.asp?did=680506>

SB 38	MARTINY	<u>Proposed law</u> creates the crime of participation in cockfighting. <u>Proposed law</u> provides that it shall be unlawful for any person to attend a cockfight or to bet on a cockfight or to pay admission at any location to view or bet on a cockfight. <u>Proposed law</u> defines "cockfight" and "chicken". <u>Proposed law</u> provides penalties of a fine of not more than \$500, or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both.	SUPPORT
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To view entire text of bill, see <http://legis.state.la.us/billdata/streamdocument.asp?did=680509>

SB 73	HEITMEIER	<u>Proposed law</u> provides an exception to present law by prohibiting euthanasia by carbon monoxide gas chambers on cats and dogs beginning on January 1, 2015 and thereafter. <u>Proposed law</u> further prohibits euthanasia by intracardiac injection on cats and dogs unless the animal is unconscious or rendered completely unconscious and insensitive to pain through the injection of an anesthetic.	SUPPORT -ask that amendment be added to change beginning date to June 1, 2011.
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To view entire text of bill, see <http://legis.state.la.us/billdata/streamdocument.asp?did=683722>

SB 149	THOMPSON	<p><u>Proposed law</u> clarifies that references to the "Federal Meat Inspection Act" include any amendments to the act.</p> <p><u>Proposed law</u> provides that the "Federal Humane Methods of Livestock Slaughter Act of 1978" means the act so entitled, approved October 10, 1978 (7 U.S.C. 1901 et seq.), and any amendments to the act.</p> <p><u>Proposed law</u> requires the commissioner to appoint inspectors to examine and inspect the method by which cattle, sheep, swine, goats, horses, mules, or other equines are slaughtered and handled in the slaughtering establishments inspected in this state.</p> <p><u>Proposed law</u> authorizes the commissioner to refuse inspection to a new slaughtering establishment or temporarily suspend inspection at a slaughtering establishment if the commissioner finds that any cattle, sheep, swine, goats, horses, mules, or other equines have been slaughtered or handled in connection with slaughter by any method not in accordance with the "Federal Humane Methods of Livestock Slaughter Act."</p>	SUPPORT
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To view entire text of bill, see <http://legis.state.la.us/billdata/streamdocument.asp?did=685538>

HB 201	HINES	<p>Requires persons who commit violent offenses against animals to register with local law enforcement agencies.</p>	SUPPORT
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To view entire text of bill, see <http://legis.state.la.us/billdata/streamdocument.asp?did=680394>

HB 219	ST. GERMAIN	<p>Creates the crime of unlawfully restraining a dog and provides for a maximum fine of \$300.</p> <p>Proposed law provides that it shall be unlawful for an owner to leave a dog outside and unattended by use of a tether, fasten, chain, tie, or restraint....</p>	SUPPORT
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To view entire text of bill, see <http://www.legis.state.la.us/billdata/streamdocument.asp?did=680714>

HB 313	SMITH	<p>Provides for the procurement of kennel licenses and fees for dog breeders and requires the governing body of each municipality</p>	SUPPORT
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or parish to fix the sum for license fees at minimum amounts.

Proposed law would mandate the governing body of each municipality or parish to fix the sum paid annually and changes the range of the fee from a maximum to a minimum.

To view the entire text of bill, see <http://legis.state.la.us/billdata/streamdocument.asp?did=682193>

SB 368	SHAW	Proposed law requires a written acknowledgment by each consumer who purchases an iguana that, prior to the sale of the iguana to a consumer, the retailer advised the consumer, in writing, all of the following: A. The primary care needed for the iguana, including food and appropriate habitat. B. A warning that the iguana can carry salmonella. C. That the iguana will grow substantially in size and will be more difficult to care for properly.	SUPPORT-request that ALL animals sold require, in writing, advise on care and warnings.
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To view entire text of bill, see <http://legis.state.la.us/billdata/streamdocument.asp?did=689106>

HB 408	LEGER	<u>Present law</u> provides for the crime of dogfighting and for the seizure and euthanization of dogs seized in connection with dogfighting. <u>Present law</u> provides that a law enforcement officer may cause the seized dogs to be humanely euthanized. <u>Proposed law</u> changes present law to provide that only an animal control officer or licensed veterinarian is authorized to humanely euthanize dogs seized in connection with dogfighting.	SUPPORT
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To view entire text of bill, see <http://legis.state.la.us/billdata/streamdocument.asp?did=683781>

HB 428	LEGER	<u>Present law</u> provides that a person claiming an interest in any animal seized following a charge of animal cruelty may prevent the disposition of the animal by posting a bond with the court in an amount sufficient to cover the costs of boarding and medical treatment for the animal. <u>Proposed law</u> retains present law and provides	SUPPORT
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that the amount of the bond shall not be less than \$100 per animal per day.

To view the entire text of bill, see <http://legis.state.la.us/billdata/streamdocument.asp?did=683795>

HB 829	LIGI	Provides that the administration of a Poisonous or noxious drug to an animal shall constitute aggravated cruelty to animals.	SUPPORT
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To view entire text of bill, see <http://legis.state.la.us/billdata/streamdocument.asp?did=688038>

HB 910	MILLS	Provides for the regulation of dogs and livestock running at large in St. Martin Parish.	NEUTRAL-Local Issue
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To view entire text of bill, see <http://legis.state.la.us/billdata/streamdocument.asp?did=688471>

HB 569	CARMODY/ HAZEL	Authorizes nighttime hunting during certain times of the year of outlaw quadrupeds and beaver by licensed hunters.	OPPOSE
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To view entire text of bill, see <http://legis.state.la.us/billdata/streamdocument.asp?did=684991>

HB 576	MILLS	Authorizes local parish governing authorities to adopt ordinances for the regulation of dogs and roaming livestock.	NEUTRAL-Local Issue
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To view entire text of bill, see <http://legis.state.la.us/billdata/streamdocument.asp?did=685174>

HB 884	ST. GERMAIN	Authorizes the issuance of a restricted hunter education certificate for developmentally disabled hunters.	OPPOSE
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To view entire text of bill, see <http://legis.state.la.us/billdata/streamdocument.asp?did=688356>

SB 384	CLAITOR	Proposed law provides an exemption for any person who is accompanied and is under direct supervision by his parent, step parent, grandparent or step grandparent with a valid hunting license or proof of successful completion	OPPOSE
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of a hunter safety education course approved
by the DW&F.

To view entire text of bill, see <http://legis.state.la.us/billdata/streamdocument.asp?did=689164>

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