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190th General Court – MassFed Bills to Watch

Updated 11/15/17 11am

Bill #	Sponsor	Name/Description	Position	Hearing	Action
MassFed Priority Bills are in DARK RED BOLD					
Joint Committee on Municipalities & Regional Government (JMR) 617-722-1612 or 627-722-2090					
SB1155	Sen. Karen Spilka (D)	An Act Relative to Protecting Puppies and Kittens	OPPOSE	10/17/17 1pm State House Rm 222	10/23/17 Reported favorably by JMR 10/23/17 Referred to Senate Ways & Means Committee
HB1080	Rep. Jennifer Benson (D)	An Act to Protect Puppies and Kittens	OPPOSE	10/17/17 1pm State House Rm 222	
HB1078	Rep. Bruce Ayers (D)	An Act Relative to Puppy Mills	OPPOSE	10/17/17 1pm State House Rm 222	
HB1084	Rep. Josh Cutler (D)	An Act Relative to Penalties for the Improper Treatment of Animals	OPPOSE	10/17/17 1pm State House Rm 222	
SB1159	Sen. Bruce Tarr (R)	An Act to Protect Animal Welfare & Safety in Cities & Towns	OPPOSE	10/17/17 1pm State House Rm 222	11/14/17 Reported favorably by JMR
HB2419	Rep. Louis Kafka (D)	An Act Protect Animal Welfare & Safety in Cities & Towns	OPPOSE	10/17/17 1pm State House Rm 222	11/14/17 Reported favorably by JMR
HB1079	Rep. Bruce Ayers (D)	An Act Relative to Further Increasing the Fines for Cruelty to Animals, and Establishing a Fund Dedicated to Improvements for Local Animal Shelters	OPPOSE	10/17/17 1pm State House Rm 222	
SB2187 formerly SB1127	Sen. James Eldridge (D)	An Act Protecting Abandoned Animals in Vacant Properties	SUPPORT	10/17/17 1pm State House Rm 222	10/23/17 Reported favorably as amended carrying HB2426 11/02/17 New Draft SB2187 11/02/17 Referred to Senate Way & Means

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HB2426	Rep. David Rogers (D)	An Act Protecting Abandoned Animals in Vacant Properties	SUPPORT	10/17/17 1pm State House Rm 222	10/23/17 House - attached to favorable report by JMR of SB1127
HB3212	Rep. Mark Cusack (D)	An Act to protect pets in the Commonwealth	SUPPORT	10/17/17 1pm State House Rm 222	10/23/17 Reported favorably by JMR 10/23/17 Referred to House Ways & Means Committee
<i>Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (JEN) 617-722-2133 or 617-722-2210</i>					
HB407	Rep. James Cantwell (D)	An Act Protecting Dogs at Boarding Kennels & Daycare Facilities	OPPOSE	09/12/17 10am State House Room A-2	
SB406	Sen. Harriette Chandler (D)	An Act Protecting Dogs at Boarding Kennels and Daycare Facilities	OPPOSE	09/12/17 10am State House Room A-2	
SB457	Sen Mark Montigny (D)	An Act to Provide Additional Funding for Animal Welfare and Safety Programming	Support	09/12/17 10am State House Room A-2	
SB458	Sen. Mark Montigny (D)	An Act Relative to Privately Operated Animal Shelters and Rescue Organizations	OPPOSE	09/12/17 10am State House Room A-2	
SB460	Sen. Mark Montigny (D)	An Act to Prevent Animal Suffering by Irresponsible Breeding Practices	OPPOSE	09/12/17 10am State House Room A-2	
SB489	Sen. Bruce Tarr (R)	An Act Protecting Research Animals	OPPOSE	09/12/17 10am State House Room A-2	
SB470	Sen. Patrick O'Connor (R)	An Act Banning the Sale of Cats & Dogs in Commercial Pet Shops	OPPOSE	09/12/17 10am State House Room A-2	

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HB3561	Rep. Daniel Donahue (D)	An Act Relative to the Importation of Animals for Rescue, Shelter, Foster, Adoptions or Remote Sale	Position Paper in progress	09/12/17 10am State House Room A-2	
<i>Joint Committee on the Judiciary (JJU) 617-722-2396 or 67-722-1280</i>					
SB866	Sen. Anne M. Gobi (D)	An Act Relative to Dog Training Areas in the Commonwealth	SUPPORT	09/12/17 1pm State House Room A-1	
HB852	Rep. Steven Howitt (R)	An Act Relative to Establishing an Animal Abuse Registry	Position paper in progress	07/18/17 1pm State House Room A1	
SB882	Sen. John Keenan (D)	An Act Relative to the Wrongful Death or Injury of Animal Companions	OPPOSE	09/12/17 1pm State House Room A-1	
SB912	Sen. Mark Montigny (D)	An Act to Protect Access for Service Animal Trainers	SUPPORT	10/16/17 1pm State House Rm A-2	
HB2290	Rep. Steven Howitt (R)	An Act Changing the Legal Status of “Pets” from Personal Property to “Companion Animals”	OPPOSE	07/18/17 1pm State House Room A1	
HB2277	Rep. Kimberly Ferguson (R)	An Act Relative to the Misrepresentation of a Service Animal	SUPPORT	09/12/17 1pm State House Room A-1	
HB3683	Rep. Timothy Whelan (R)	An Act to Promote Safe Dog Ownership	OPPOSE	09/12/17 1pm State House Room A-1	
SB2165	Sen. Richard Ross (R)	An Act relative to the protection of service animals	Posiiton paper in progress		
<i>Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH) 617-722-1206 or 617-722-2130</i>					

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HB1224	Rep. John Scibak (D)	An Act Relative to Expanding Veterinary Treatment Practices	Position paper in progress	11/7/17 10:00am State House Rm A1 & A2	
HB2454	Rep. Carolyn Dykema (D)	An Act Relative to the Adoption of Animals Used in Research	OPPOSE	07/11/17 1pm State House Room A2	
HB3231	Rep. Nick Collins (D)	An Act relating to pet internments in certain cemetery corporations.	SUPPORT	11/28/17 1pm State House Rm A2	
HB3232	Rep. Michelle DuBois (D)	An Act protecting research animals.	OPPOSE	07/11/17 1pm State House Room A2	
<i>Joint Committee on Revenue (JRV) 617-722-1114 or 617-722-2320</i>					
SB1625	Sen. Richard Ross (R)	An Act Establishing the Commonwealth Municipal Dog Park Trust Fund	OPPOSE	05/16/17 10am State House Room A1	
<i>Joint Committee on Financial Services (JFS) 617-722-1120 or 617-722-2220</i>					
SB533	Sen. Anne M. Gobi (D)	An Act Concerning the Use of Certain Insurance Underwriting Guidelines Pertaining to Dogs	SUPPORT	10/17/17 10:30am State House Rm A-2	
SB589	Sen. Richard Ross (R)	An Act Relative to Pet Insurance	SUPPORT	10/17/17 10:30am State House Rm A-2	
<i>Joint Committee on Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure (JCP) 617-722-1200 or 617-722-2030</i>					
HB159	Rep. Danielle Gregoire (D)	An Act to Establish a Subsidiary Board for Veterinary Technology	Posiiton paper in progress	10/03/17 1pm State House Room B1	
HB3544	Rep. James Cantwell (D)	An Act relative to the certification of pet groomers	OPPOSE	07/18/17 1pm State House Room A1	

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Note: Some numbers assigned are Docket #s (HD or SD), Bill numbers will be designated and Bills will then be assigned to various Committees. This chart will be updated as text of individual bills is received and analyzed.