



## 194<sup>th</sup> General Court – MassFed Bills to Watch

Updated 04/27/26 11am

Bill #	Sponsor	Name/Description	Position	Hearing	Action
<b>MassFed Priority Bills are in DARK RED BOLD</b>					

<b>Senate Ways &amp; Means</b>					
SB3014	Senate Ways & Means	An Act promoting pet equity, treatment and safety			Placed on Orders of the day for 3/19/26.
<b>Joint Committee on Agriculture (JCA) 617-722-1540</b>					
HB138 (prev HD155)	Rep. Adam Scanlon (D)	An Act relative to the definition of livestock		9/16/25 Rm B1	12/01/25 ordered to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading 3/18/26 full session Need PosPpr 04/08/26 full formal House session
HB122 (prev HD603)	Re. Rodney Elliott (D)	An Act relative to the preservation of existing pet cemeteries			03/20/26 Sent to Study
HD4490	Rep. Adam Scanlon (D)	An Act banning the retail sale of dogs, cats, rabbits, and guinea pigs in pet shops		10/21/25 Rm A1	09/24/25 referred to JCA See SB3014
<b>Joint Committee on Municipalities &amp; Regional Government (JMR) 617-722-1555 or 617-722-2430</b>					
SB1458 (prev SD1017)	Sen. Mark C. Montigny (D)	An Act relative to updating animal health inspections	OPPOSE	6/10 1pm Rm B1 & Virtual	11/18/25 referred to Senate Ways & Means Need PosPpr
SB1460 (prev SD2290)	Sen. Mark C. Montigny (D)	An Act relative to improving enforcement for tethering violations	OPPOSE	6/10 1pm Rm B1 & Virtual	11/19/25 referred to Senate Ways & Means Need PosPpr Point: HSJ / BC
SB1459 (prev SD2113)	Sen. Mark C. Montigny (D)	An Act relative to dangerous dogs		6/10 1pm Rm B1 & Virtual	11/19/25 referred to Senate Committee on Rules Point: HSJ
HB2256 (prev HD3105)	Rep. Mark J. Cusack (D)	An Act to protect pets		6/10 1pm Rm B1 & Virtual	<b>11/17/25 Sent to Study</b>
HB2319 (prev HD2126)	Rep. James J. O'Day (D)	An Act to Protect Animal Health		9/16/25 B1	11/12/25 referred to House Ways & Means
HB2245 (prev HD2150)	Rep. Bruce J. Ayers (D)	An Act relative to puppy mills		6/10 1pm Rm B1 & Virtual	<b>11/17/25 Sent to Study</b>
HB2342 (prev HD2856)	Rep. Mark Sylvia (D)	Act relative to dangerous dogs		6/10 1pm Rm B1 & Virtual	08/14/25 referred to House Ways & Means

SB1457 (prev SD515)	Sen. Mark C. Montigny (D)	An Act to preserve the eternal bonds between people and their animals		6/10/25 1pm Rm B1 & Virtual	<b>11/13/25 Sent to Study</b>
SB1190 (prev SD1263)	Sen. Mark C. Montigny (D)	An Act enhancing the issuance of citations for cruel conditions for animals		6/10/25 1pm Rm B1 & Virtual	03/12/26 Attached to favorable report by Joint Committee of SB2720 See SB3014
<b><i>Joint Committee on Environment and Natural Resources (JEN) 617-722-1555</i></b>					
SB672 (prev SD1898)	Sen. Bruce E. Tarr (R)	An Act further protecting research animals		10/27/25 1pm A1	<b>11/03/25 Sent to Study</b>
SB651 (prev SD1155)	Sen. Patrick O'Connor (R)	An Act banning the retail sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits in pet shops		10/21/25 1pm A1	11/19/2025 Attached to favorable report by Joint Committee of SB650 See SB3014
SB618 (prev SD552)	Sen. Jason M. Lewis (D)	An Act banning the retail sale of dogs, cats, rabbits, and guinea pigs in pet shops		10/21/25 1pm A1	11/19/2025 Attached to favorable report by Joint Committee of SB650 See SB3014
HB989 (prev HD1914)	Rep. Jack Patrick Lewis (D)	An Act concerning the use of animals in product testing	Support	10/21/25 1pm A1	01/15/2026 Accompanied study order - see HB4928 01/15/2026 Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Environment and Natural Resources 01/15/2026 Referred to House Committee on Ways and Means
HB893 (prev HD2163)	Rep. Bruce J. Ayers (D)	An Act relative to the sale of dogs and cats in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts	OPPOSE	10/21/25 1pm A1	01/20/2026 Extension order filed (until 03/18/2026) 03/12/2026 Attached to favorable report by Joint Committee of HB967 See SB3014
HB967 (prev HD1530)	Rep. Natalie Higgins (D)	An Act banning the retail sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits in new pet shops	OPPOSE	10/21/25 1pm A1	03/12/2026 Reported favorably by JEN HB893 and HB943 03/12/2026 Referred to House Committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling See SB3014
HB943 (prev HD959)	Rep. William C. Galvin (D)	An Act relative to dogs brought into the Commonwealth by animal rescue organizations		10/21/25 1pm A1	03/12/2026 Attached to favorable report by Joint Committee of HB967 See SB3014
SB640 (prev SD1640)	Sen. Mark C. Montigny (D)	An Act promoting humane cosmetics and other household products by limiting the use of animal testing	Support	10/21/25 1pm A1	11/13/2025 Reported favorably by JEN 11/13/2025 Referred to Senate Committee on Ways & Means 03/12/2026 Attached to favorable report by Joint Committee of SB2720 See SB3014
<b><i>Joint Committee on Consumer Protection &amp; Professional Licensure (JCP) 617-722-1604 or 617-722-2370</i></b>					
SB263 (prev SD2265)	Sen. Mark C. Montigny (D)	An Act to protect consumers from contributing to inhumane animal testing for cosmetics		10/20/25 Rm A2	12/18/2025 Reported favorably as amended by JCP 12/18/2025 New draft substituted - see SB2744

SB277 (prev SD1105)	Sen. Jake Oliveira (D)	An Act regulating the practice and licensure of veterinary technicians		4/14 10am Rm A2 & Virtual	10/09/2025 Reported 10/09/2025 Referred to Senate Committee on Ways & Means
HB355 (prev HD4096)	Rep. Mark J. Cusack (D)	An Act relative to animal telehealth		10/20/25 Rm A1	02/17/2026 Accompanied study order
<b><i>Joint Committee on the Judiciary (JJU) 617-722-1120 or 67-722-2396</i></b>					
SB1207 (prev SD134)	Sen. Michael O. Moore (D)	An Act relative to the ownership of pets by convicted animal abusers		07/29/25 1pm A2 & virtual	12/18/25 Sent to Study
SB1254 (prev SD633)	Sen. Michael F. Rush (D)	Resolve creating a commission to study the intentional misrepresentation of a service animal		4/8/25 Rm A2 & Virtual	:07/24/2025 Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Judiciary 07/24/2025 Referred to Joint Committee on Rules 10/21/2025 Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Rules 10/23/2025 Referred to Senate Committee on Ways & Means
SB1263 (prev SD189)	Sen. Bruce Tarr (R)	An Act promoting pet safety aka Crawford's Law		07/29/25 1pm A2 & virtual	<b>12/18/25 Sent to Study</b>
SB1277 (prev SD1108)	Serev n. John Velis (D)	An Act relative to the humane protection of animals		07/29/25 1pm A2 & virtual	<b>12/18/25 Sent to Study</b>
SB1206 (prev SD133)	Sen. Michael O. Moore (D)	An Act standardizing consideration of pets in divorce and separation		04/22/25 1pm A2	06/16/2025 Reported favorably by JJU 06/16/2025 Referred to Senate Ways & Means
HB1686 (prev HD605)	Rep. Kimberley Ferguson (D)	An Act relative to a commission to study the intentional misrepresentation of a service animal		4/8/25 Rm A2 & Virtual	08/11/2025 Reported favorably as amended by Joint Committee on Judiciary 08/11/2025 New draft substituted - see HB4371
HB1914 (prev HD336)	Rep. Tram Nguyen (D)	An Act relative to a temporary possession ban of animals for animal abusers		07/29/25 1pm A2 & virtual	03/09/26 Sent to Study
HB1934 (prev HD2591)	Rep. Ted Philips (D)	An Act preventing animal cruelty		07/29/25 1pm A2 & virtual	11/03/2025 Reported favorably as amended by JJU 11/03/2025 New draft substituted - see HB4675
HB1764 (prev HD1192)	Rep. Steven S. Howitt (R)	An Act relative to establishing an animal abuse registry		07/29/25 1pm A2 & virtual	03/09/26 Sent to Study
HB1938 (prev HD810)	Rep. Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr. (D)	An Act enhancing the issuance of citations for cruel conditions for animals		07/29/25 1pm A2 & virtual	03/09/26 Sent to Study
HB1817 (prev HD797)	Rep. Meghan Kilcoyne (D)	An Act standardizing consideration of pets in divorce and separation		04/22/25 1pm A2	03/09/26 Sent to Study
HB1949 (prev HD3188)	Rep. David Robertson (D)	An Act relative to protecting cats and dogs from slaughter		07/29/25 1pm A2 & virtual	03/09/26 Sent to Study
<b><i>Joint Committee on Financial Services (JFS) 617-722-1222 or 617-722-2220</i></b>					

HB1186 (prev HD2910)	Rep. Ryan Hamilton (D)	An Act relative to pet insurance in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts		11/04/25 10:30 A2	01/15/2026 Accompanied study order 01/15/2026 Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Financial Services 01/15/2026 Referred to House Committee on Ways and Mean
<b><i>Joint Committee on Housing (JHO) 617-772-1634 or 617-722-2575</i></b>					
HB1534 (prev HD3760)	Rep. Bradley H. Jones, Jr. (R)	An Act relative to a commission to study access to emotional support animals in residential housing		10/15/25 1pm A2	01/12/2026 Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Housing 01/12/2026 Referred to Joint Committee on Rules 01/28/2026 Discharged and referred to House Committee on Rules
<b><i>Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security (JPSF) 617-722-1230 or 617-722-2230</i></b>					
HB2735 (prev HD733)	Rep. Steven Xiarhos (R)	An Act establishing a fund for the care of retired police dogs		09/25/25 1pm A2	12/18/2025 Extension order filed (until 03/18/2026) 03/30/26 reported favorably 03/30/26 referred to House Ways & Mens
HB2728 (prev HD3862)	Rep. Steven Xiarhos (R)	An Act relative to providing advanced life support to police dogs injured in the line of duty			
<b><i>Joint Committee on Revenue (JRV) 617-722-1120 or 617-722-2320</i></b>					
HB3024 (prev HD569)	Reo. Michelle Badger (D)	An Act relative to a sales tax exemption for animal medication prescribed by veterinarians		09/29/25 1pm A1	12/18/2025 Extension order filed (until 02/20/2026) 02/25/2026 Extension order filed (until 03/18/2026)
<b><i>Joint Committee on State Administration and Regularly Oversight (617-722-1150 or 617-722-2017)</i></b>					
HB3288 (prev HD2155)	Rep. Bruce J. Ayers (D)	An Act designating the month of October as adopt a shelter dog month		06/24/25 11am Gardner	03/16/2026 House Session - 03/18/2026, 11:00 AM - Full Formal Session (House Session), House Chamber 04/06/26 full formal House session
<b><i>Joint Committee on Veterans &amp; Federal Affairs (JVF) 617-722-1415 or 617-722-2015</i></b>					
HB3850 (prev HD383)	Rep. Tara Hong (D)	An Act establishing the Massachusetts veterans service dog program		07/22/25 1pm Rm A2 & virtual	03/27/25 Ref Jt Cmte Vet & Federal Affairs (JVF) 01/29/2026 Referred to Joint Committee on Health Care Financing
<b><i>Joint Committee on Steering, Policy &amp; Scheduling</i></b>					

HB2247 (prev HD2156)	Rep. Bruce J. 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		6/10 1pm Rm B1 & Virtual	06/03/2025 Hearing Scheduled - 06/10/2025, 1:00 PM - Committee Hearing (Municipalities & Regional Government), State House, B-1 & Virtual 07/10/2025 Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government 07/10/2025 Referred to House Committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling 07/21/204/0025 Placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session 07/21/2025 Ordered to a third reading 07/21/2025 House Session - 07/23/2025, 11:00 AM - Full Formal Session (House Session), House Chamber 04/08/26 full formal House session
<b><i>House Ways &amp; Means</i></b>					
HB337 (prev HD419)	Rep. Tackey Chan (D)	An Act relative to the registration of veterinarians		4/14 10am Rm A2 & Virtual	07/17/2025 Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure 07/17/2025 Referred to House Committee on Ways and Means
HB2299 (prev HD2395)	Rep. Kristin Kassner (D)	Act regarding land use board training		6/10 1pm Rm B1 & Virtual	07/10/2025 Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government 07/10/2025 Referred to House Committee on Ways and Means
HB4278 Prev HB407 (prev HD1939)	Rep. Daniel Hunt (D)	An Act regulating the practice and licensure of veterinary technicians		4/14 10am Rm A2 & Virtual	07/21/2025 New draft of HB407 View comparison to prior version 07/21/2025 Referred to House Committee on Ways and Means