



HUMANE SOCIETY
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2023 Maryland Humane Scorecard

2023 Scored Maryland Legislation

Eviction Protections (SB 279/HB 102)

A ✓ indicates a vote in favor of SB 279/HB 102, a bill establishing basic protections for people - and pets - facing eviction. Roughly 72% of renters have companion animals, and these Marylanders could be facing eviction in record numbers. This bill requires all individuals facing eviction to receive information on how to plan and care for their pets during the process and requires landlords to perform pet checks of all rental units after an eviction takes place. Among other reforms, landlords must also provide tenants with the contact information of a shelter that takes in any pets left behind.

Sponsors: Sen. Jeff Waldstreicher (D) and Rep. Dana Stein (D)

Status: Passed and signed into law

Research Fund (SB 560/HB 626)

A ✓ indicates a vote in favor of SB 560/HB 626 to provide grants to scientists in Maryland who are developing non-animal research methods. The first of its kind in the nation, the program is funded through a dedicated mandatory contribution paid annually by facilities in Maryland that are using certain animals in research. Moving away from antiquated animal experiments is better for both humans and animals, and the Human-Relevant Research Fund will accelerate the development of new, cutting-edge scientific discoveries, without animals suffering in the process.

Sponsors: Sen. Guy Guzzone (D) and Rep. Bonnie Cullison (D)

Status: Passed and signed into law

Bears (SB 310/HB 378)

A ✓ indicates a vote in favor of SB 310/HB 378, a bill updating the Black Bear Damage Restitution Fund to be a proactive tool to finance conflict avoidance between bears and humans. Similar programs are working in other states to reduce damage to human property and in turn reduce the demand to kill "nuisance" bears causing that damage. Life for bears grows harder every year. In order to coexist with them, we need to use innovation to prevent conflicts before they occur.

Sponsors: Sen. Chris West (R) and Rep. Sara Love (D)

Status: Passed and signed into law

Trapping (SB 275/HB 406)

A ✓ indicates a vote in favor of SB 275/HB 406, a bill requiring that all traps are tagged with the license number of the trapper who set it and ensuring that DNR is collecting reports for trapping incidents. Traps are inherently cruel, and because traps are indiscriminate, family pets as well as protected, threatened and endangered species, and other animals can be their unintended victims. Proper labeling of traps and prompt reporting of trapping-related incidents is a step in the right direction towards protecting Maryland's animals from unnecessary suffering and death.

Sponsors: Sen. Jack Bailey (R) and Rep. Sara Love (D)

Status: Passed and signed into law

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Wildlife Advisory Commission (SB 320/HB 188)

A ✓ indicates a vote in favor of SB 320/HB 188, a bill redefining the membership of Maryland's Wildlife Advisory Commission to include biologists, conservationists, and recreational users, as well as hunters. Recent research found that more Marylanders believe that we should humanely coexist with wildlife than believe that wildlife should be used and managed for human benefit. Those perspectives will now have a voice when the Commission sets rules regarding hunting and trapping in the state.

Sponsors: Sen. Benjamin Brooks (D) and Rep. Julie Palakovich Carr (D)

Status: Passed and signed into law

Vet Access (SB 390/HB 325)

A ✓ indicates a vote in favor of SB 390/HB 325, a bill expanding veterinary access to shelters and rescues. The veterinary shortage is impacting pet owners everywhere, but nowhere is the need more critical than in shelters. The bill authorizes clinical staff to provide rabies vaccines to shelter animals and requires an expedited process for vets licensed in other states to become licensed to practice in Maryland.

Sponsors: Sen. Karen Lewis Young (D) and Rep. Jennifer R. Terrasa (D)

Status: Passed and signed into law

Pet-Friendly Housing (SB 72/HB 1039)

A ✓ indicates a vote in favor of SB 72/HB 1039, a bill to create a task force to study incentives to expand access to pet-friendly housing for renters. No family should have to choose between their pets and a home. Maryland must advance solutions to address the shortage of affordable housing that allows families to keep their pets with them. While the bill did not pass, the HSLF and our partners will continue working to advance solutions for this important issue.

Sponsors: Sen. Michael A. Jackson (D) and Rep. Dana C. Jones (D)

Status: Both iterations passed the Senate but neither advanced in the House.

Humane Society Legislative Fund

The Humane Society Legislative Fund was formed in 2004 as a separate lobbying affiliate of The Humane Society of the United States. HSLF works to pass animal protection laws at the state and federal levels, to educate the public about animal protection issues, and to support humane candidates for office.

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State House**

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James C. Hinebaugh, Jr. (R-1A)	✓	E	✓	✓	X	X	60%
Jason C. Buckel (R-1B)	✓	X	✓	✓	X	✓	67%
Terry L. Baker (R-1C)	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	50%
William Valentine (R-2A)	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	50%
William J. Wivell (R-2A)	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	50%
Brooke Grossman (D-2B)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Kristopher G. Fair (D-3)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Kenneth P. Kerr (D-3)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Karen Simpson (D-3)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Barrie S. Ciliberti (R-4)	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	50%
April Fleming Miller (R-4)	✓	X	✓	✓	X	✓	67%
Jesse T. Pippy (R-4)	✓	X	✓	✓	X	✓	67%
Christopher E. Bouchat (R-5)	✓	X	✓	✓	X	✓	67%
April R. Rose (R-5)	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	50%
Christopher L. Tomlinson (R-5)	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	50%
Robin L. Grammer, Jr. (R-6)	✓	X	NV	X	X	✓	33%
Robert B. Long (R-6)	✓	X	✓	✓	X	✓	67%
Richard W. Metzgar (R-6)	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	50%
Ryan M. Nawrocki (R-7A)	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	50%
Kathy Szeliga (R-7A)	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	50%
Lauren C. Arikan (R-7B)	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	50%
Nick Allen (D-8)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Harry (H.B.) Bhandari (D-8)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Carl W. Jackson (D-8)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Chao Wu (D-9A)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Natalie C. Ziegler (D-9A)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
M. Courtney Watson (D-9B)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Adrienne A. Jones (D-10)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
N. Scott Phillips (D-10)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Jennifer A. White (D-10)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Cheryl E. Pasteur (D-11A)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Jon S. Cardin (D-11B)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Dana M. Stein (D-11B)	SP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Jessica M. Feldmark (D-12A)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Terri L. Hill (D-12A)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Gary Simmons (D-12B)	E	E	E	E	E	E	N/A
Vanessa E. Atterbeary (D-13)	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Pamela Lanman Guzzone (D-13)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%

Key

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SP Served as prime sponsor of pro-animal legislation

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NV Did not vote due to absence or abstention

E Excused from voting session by the presiding officer

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Filled seat during term

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Jennifer R. Terrasa (D-13)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	SP	100%
Anne R. Kaiser (D-14)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Bernice D. Mireku-North (D-14)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Pamela E. Queen (D-14)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Linda K. Foley (D-15)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
David Fraser-Hidalgo (D-15)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Lily Qi (D-15)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Marc A. Korman (D-16)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Sara N. Love (D-16)	✓	✓	SP	SP	✓	✓	100%
Sarah S. Wolek (D-16)	#	#	#	#	#	#	N/A
Julie Palakovich Carr (D-17)	✓	✓	✓	✓	SP	✓	100%
Joseph Vogel (D-17)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Kumar P. Barve (D-17)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Aaron M. Kaufman (D-18)	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	83%
Emily K. Shetty (D-18)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Jared Solomon (D-18)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Charlotte A. Crutchfield (D-19)	E	✓	✓	E	E	✓	N/A
Bonnie L. Cullison (D-19)	E	SP	✓	E	E	✓	N/A
Vaughn M. Stewart III (D-19)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Lorig Charkoudian (D-20)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
David H. Moon (D-20)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Jheanelle K. Wilkins (D-20)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Benjamin S. Barnes (D-21)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Mary A. Lehman (D-21)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk (D-21)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Anne M. Healey (D-22)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Ashanti F. Martinez (D-22)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Nicole A. Williams (D-22)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Adrian A. Boafo (D-23)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Marvin E. Holmes, Jr. (D-23)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Kym Taylor (D-23)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Tiffany T. Alston (D-24)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Andrea Fletcher Harrison (D-24)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Jazz M. Lewis (D-24)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Nick Charles (D-25)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Darryl Barnes (D-25)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Karen R. Toles (D-25)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	83%
Veronica L. Turner (D-26)	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	E	100%

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Kriselda Valderrama (D-26)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Jamila J. Woods (D-26)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Kevin M. Harris (D-27A)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Jeffrie E. Long, Jr. (D-27B)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Mark N. Fisher (R-27C)	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	50%
Debra M. Davis (D-28)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Edith J. Patterson (D-28)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
C. T. Wilson (D-28)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Matt Morgan (R-29A)	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	50%
Brian M. Crosby (D-29B)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Todd B. Morgan (R-29C)	✓	X	✓	✓	X	✓	67%
Shaneka T. Henson (D-30A)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Dana C. Jones (D-30A)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Seth A. Howard (R-30B)	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	50%
Brian A. Chisholm (R-31)	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	50%
Nicholaus R. Kipke (R-31)	✓	X	✓	✓	X	✓	67%
Rachel P. Munoz (R-31)	✓	X	✓	✓	X	✓	67%
J. Sandy Bartlett (D-32)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Mark S. Chang (D-32)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Michael J. Rogers (D-32)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Andrew C. Pruski (D-33A)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Stuart M. Schmidt, Jr. (R-33B)	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	50%
Heather A. Bagnall (D-33C)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Andre V. Johnson, Jr. (D-34A)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Steven C. Johnson (D-34A)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Susan K. McComas (R-34B)	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	50%
Michael Griffith (R-35A)	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	50%
Teresa E. Reilly (R-35A)	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	50%
Kevin B. Hornberger (R-35B)	✓	E	✓	✓	X	X	60%
Steven J. Arentz (R-36)	✓	X	✓	✓	X	✓	67%
Jefferson L. Ghrist (R-36)	✓	X	✓	✓	X	NV	50%
Jay A. Jacobs (R-36)	✓	X	✓	✓	X	✓	67%
Sheree Sample-Hughes (D-37A)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Christopher T. Adams (R-37B)	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	50%
Thomas S. Hutchinson (R-37B)	✓	X	✓	✓	X	✓	67%
Charles J. Otto (R-38A)	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	50%
Carl L. Anderton, Jr. (R-38B)	✓	X	✓	✓	X	✓	67%
Wayne A. Hartman (R-38C)	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	50%

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Gabriel Acevero (D-39)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Lesley J. Lopez (D-39)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Kirill Reznik (D-39)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Marlon D. Amprey (D-40)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Frank M. Conaway, Jr. (D-40)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Melissa R. Wells (D-40)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Dalya Attar (D-41)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Samuel I. Rosenberg (D-41)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Tony Bridges (D-41)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Nino Mangione (R-42A)	✓	E	✓	✓	✗	✗	60%
Michele J. Guyton (D-42B)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Joshua J. Stonko (R-42C)	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	67%
Regina T. Boyce (D-43A)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Elizabeth M. Embry (D-43A)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Catherine M. Forbes (D-43B)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Eric D. Ebersole (D-44A)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Aletheia R. McCaskill (D-44B)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Sheila S. Ruth (D-44B)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Jacqueline T. Addison (D-45)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Stephanie M. Smith (D-45)	✓	✓	✓	NV	NV	✓	67%
Caylin A. Young (D-45)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Luke H. Clippinger (D-46)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Mark Edelson (D-46)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Robbyn T. Lewis (D-46)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Diana M. Fennell (D-47A)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
R. Julian Ivey (D-47A)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Deni L. Taveras (D-47B)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%

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Mike McKay (R-1)	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	86%
Paul D. Corderman (R-2)	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	86%
Karen Lewis Young (D-3)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	SP	✓	100%
William G. Folden (R-4)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Justin Ready (R-5)	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	86%
Johnny Ray Salling (R-6)	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	86%
J.B. Jennings (R-7)	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Katherine Klausmeier (D-8)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Katie Fry Hester (D-9)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Benjamin Brooks (D-10)	✓	✓	✓	✓	SP	✓	✓	100%
Shelly Hettleman (D-11)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Clarence K. Lam (D-12)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Guy Guzzone (D-13)	✓	SP	✓	E	E	✓	✓	100%
Craig J. Zucker (D-14)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Brian J. Feldman (D-15)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Ariana B. Kelly (D-16)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	#	100%
Cheryl C. Kagan (D-17)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Jeff Waldstreicher (D-18)	SP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Benjamin F. Kramer (D-19)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
William C. Smith, Jr. (D-20)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Jim Rosapepe (D-21)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Alonzo T. Washington (D-22)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Ron Watson (D-23)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Joanne C. Benson (D-24)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Melony G. Griffith (D-25)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	100%
Anthony C. Muse (D-26)	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	86%
Michael A. Jackson (D-27)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	SP	100%
Arthur Ellis (D-28)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Jack Bailey (R-29)	✓	X	✓	SP	✓	✓	✓	86%
Sarah K. Elfreth (D-30)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Bryan W. Simonaire (R-31)	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	86%
Pamela Beidle (D-32)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Dawn Gile (D-33)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Mary-Dulany James (D-34)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Jason C. Gallion (R-35)	✓	X	✓	E	E	✓	✓	80%
Stephen S. Hershey, Jr. (R-36)	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	86%
Johnny Mautz (R-37)	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	86%
Mary Beth Carozza (R-38)	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	86%
Nancy J. King (D-39)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Antonio Hayes (D-40)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Jill P. Carter (D-41)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Chris West (R-42)	✓	✓	SP	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%

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Mary Washington (D-43)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Charles E. Sydnor, III (D-44)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Cory V. McCray (D-45)	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	86%
Bill Ferguson (D-46)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Malcolm Augustine (D-47)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%

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