



## State Legislative Update

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This issue of the State Legislative Update includes select summaries of bills and regulations tracked by the AVMA Division of State Advocacy and introduced in April. For more information, please contact Madeline Brezin, Policy Analyst, AVMA Division of State Advocacy ([mbrezin@avma.org](mailto:mbrezin@avma.org)).

### **Education**

Championed by the **Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association (KVMA)**, KY H.B. 553 became law this month. It establishes the Kentucky Rural Veterinary Medicine Student Loan Repayment Program to provide student loan repayment for a livestock practitioner who engages in veterinary medicine in an underserved rural area or a veterinary shortage area in Kentucky for five consecutive years in accordance with the terms and conditions and requires a representative from KVMA on the Veterinary Student Loan Repayment Selection Committee. The program sets the maximum possible award at a total of \$87,500, or the amount of the outstanding eligible student loan balance, whichever is less.

After the advocacy efforts of the **Mississippi Veterinary Medical Association**, MS H.B. 1210 was enacted and established the “Dr. Elton Mac Huddleston Rural Veterinarians Scholarship Program” at Mississippi State University for qualifying students who commit to practicing veterinary medicine in rural areas of the state for four years after graduation.

### **Emergency | First Responders**

**Maine** enacted ME L.D. 2156 (H.P. 1380), which allows emergency medical services (EMS) personnel to provide emergency medical treatment to law enforcement dogs and search and rescue dogs in accordance with protocols adopted by the Maine Medical Direction and Practices Board. In addition, it requires the Maine Medical Direction and Practices Board to consult with an individual designated by the Maine Board of Veterinary Medicine with expertise in emergency veterinary medicine, when adopting or amending protocols for providing emergency medical treatment to law enforcement dogs or search and rescue dogs.

In the same vein, **Virginia** enacted VA H.B. 1309, which requires the Virginia Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board, in consultation with the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine, to develop guidelines for emergency treatment of fire, police, and search and rescue dogs injured in the line of duty and for the transportation of such dogs by an EMS vehicle to a veterinary care facility equipped to provide emergency treatment to such dogs.

## **Licensure**

Following dedicated advocacy by the **Georgia Veterinary Medical Association**, GA S.B. 410 was enacted and directs the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine to adopt rules by December 31, 2024, for a one-time, six-month temporary license, license by endorsement, or combination for veterinarians and veterinary technicians licensed in another state where the training, experience, and testing substantially meets or exceeds the requirement to obtain a license in Georgia and is in good standing with their state of licensure. It limits these new temporary licenses to practice in government or nonprofit shelter medicine, nonprofit sterilization clinics, or nonprofit mobile sterilization programs registered in Georgia and makes veterinary technicians and veterinarians with temporary licenses under this program ineligible for the state's other temporary license.

## **Scope of Practice**

**Pennsylvania** introduced PA S.B. 1178, which would prohibit the performance of a declawing procedure that is not deemed necessary for a therapeutic purpose by a licensed veterinarian. Meanwhile, **Virginia** enacted VA H.B. 1354, which prohibits declawing procedures except for therapeutic purposes.

## **Small Business**

**Maryland** enacted MD H.B. 1388, which prohibits a noncompete or conflict of interest provision in an employment contract or a similar document or agreement that restricts the ability of a veterinarian or veterinary technician to enter into employment with a new employer or to become self-employed in the same or similar business or trade.

**The Federal Trade Commission** issued a final rule to prohibit employers from enforcing existing noncompetes against workers other than senior executives, and from entering into new noncompetes with workers after the effective date. The rule includes an exception that allows noncompetes between the seller and buyer of a business. The AVMA is following these events closely.

## **Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR) | Telemedicine**

In **Colorado**, CO H.B. 24-1048 was signed by Governor Jared Polis after being supported by the **Colorado Veterinary Medical Association** and championed by legislator and veterinarian, Representative Karen McCormick. CO H.B. 24-1048 allows a veterinarian to provide telehealth services after establishing a VCPR with an in-person examination.

## **Xylazine**

In **Arizona**, AZ H.B. 2045 was signed by Governor Katie Hobbs. After efforts by the **Arizona Veterinary Medical Association** and the AVMA, this new law classifies xylazine as a “dangerous drug,” but exempts licensed veterinarians who lawfully

acquire, use, prescribe, dispense, or administer any dangerous drug in their professional practice, in good faith, and accordance with generally accepted medical standards.

As introduced, [IL H.B. 4450](#) would have made xylazine a Schedule III controlled substance without a veterinary use exemption. Thanks to the advocacy of the **Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association** the bill was amended to create an exemption.

This month, **Virginia** enacted [VA S.B. 614/VA H.B. 1187](#), which criminalizes the manufacturing, selling, giving, distributing, or possessing of xylazine while providing a veterinary medicine exemption.

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<b>Animal Abuse   Cruelty</b>			
<b>State</b>	<b>Link</b>	<b>Summary of Proposed Bill or Regulation</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Kentucky</b>	<a href="#">KY H.B. 258</a>	Amends the state’s companion animal torture statute to: 1. Allow, under the recommendation of a veterinarian, a tortured dog or cat to be euthanized after it’s seized if it’s still alive but suffering from the intentional torture that would lead to its death; and, 2. Clarify breed-specific alterations such as cropping of ears, docking of tails, or declawing of a cat, when performed by a veterinarian, are not considered torture of an animal.	<b>Enacted 4/4/2024</b>
<b>Maryland</b>	<a href="#">MD H.B. 0667</a>	Would: 1. Clarify that customary and normal veterinary and agricultural husbandry practices including dehorning, castration, tail docking, and limit feeding are not acts of animal abuse; and, 2. Clarify aspects of charging and sentencing for animal abuse violations.	Amended 4/4/2024

<b>Animal Disease   Vaccination</b>			
<b>State</b>	<b>Link</b>	<b>Summary of Proposed Bill or Regulation</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Oregon</b>	<a href="#">OR OAR 603-011-0212</a>	Would clarify the need for veterinarians to immediately notify the Oregon Department of Agriculture of suspected cases of reportable diseases and conditions, regardless of species of livestock.	Proposed 4/16/2024

<b>Animal Shelters</b>			
<b>State</b>	<b>Link</b>	<b>Summary of Proposed Bill or Regulation</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>New York</b>	<a href="#">NY S. 9081</a>	Would: 1. Require incorporated animal adoption or animal rescue organizations that offer animals for adoption to implant a microchip in any dog or cat in their possession, unless the animal is already microchipped; and, 2. Require the information associated with each microchip to be updated to identify the organization with possession of the animal and any person who adopts the animal.	Introduced 4/16/2024

Kentucky	<a href="#"><u>201 KAR 16:550</u></a>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Updates required application materials to apply for Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners authorization for an animal shelter to operate as a certified animal control agency and apply for a DEA controlled substance registration to include a verification letter and a list of counties served; and,</li> <li>2. Clarifies designated on-site managers assume responsibility only for the procurement, management, and disposal of drugs.</li> </ol>	<b>Effective 4/2/2024</b>
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### Companion Animals

State	Link	Summary of Proposed Bill or Regulation	Status
Colorado	<a href="#"><u>CO H.B.24-1458</u></a>	Would establish the Division of Animal Welfare within the Department of Agriculture to promote domestic animal welfare by providing education and outreach, creating voluntary programs, and awarding grants.	Introduced 4/15/2024

### Education

State	Link	Summary of Proposed Bill or Regulation	Status
Kentucky	<a href="#"><u>KY S.J.R. 170</u></a>	Directs the Council on Postsecondary Education to conduct a feasibility study on expanding postbaccalaureate program offerings at comprehensive universities, including a doctoral program for professional practice and licensure in veterinary medicine at Murray State University.	<b>Enacted 4/17/2024</b>
Kentucky	<a href="#"><u>KY H.B. 553</u></a>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Establishes a Kentucky Rural Veterinary Medicine Student Loan Repayment Program to provide student loan repayment for a livestock practitioner who engages in veterinary medicine in an underserved rural area or a veterinary shortage area in Kentucky for five consecutive years in accordance with the terms and conditions;</li> <li>2. Requires a representative from KVMA on the Veterinary Student Loan Repayment Selection Committee; and,</li> <li>3. Sets a maximum award under the program at a total of \$87,500, or the amount of the outstanding eligible student loan balance, whichever is less.</li> </ol>	<b>Enacted 4/10/2024</b>
Mississippi	<a href="#"><u>MS S.B. 2561/MS H.B. 1210</u></a>	Establishes the “Dr. Elton Mac Huddleston Rural Veterinarians Scholarship Program” at Mississippi State University for qualifying students who commit to practicing veterinary medicine in rural areas of the state for four years after graduation.	<b>Enacted 4/17/2024</b>

### Emergency | First Responders

State	Link	Summary of Proposed Bill or Regulation	Status
Maine	<a href="#"><u>ME L.D. 2156 (H.P. 1380)</u></a>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Allows emergency medical services personnel to provide emergency medical treatment to law enforcement dogs and search and rescue dogs in accordance with protocols adopted by the Maine Medical Direction and Practices Board; and,</li> <li>2. Requires the Maine Medical Direction and Practices Board to consult with an individual with expertise in emergency veterinary medicine, designated by the Maine Board of Veterinary Medicine, when adopting or amending protocols for providing emergency medical treatment to law enforcement dogs or search and rescue dogs.</li> </ol>	<b>Enacted 4/2/2024</b>
Virginia	<a href="#"><u>VA H.B. 1309</u></a>	Requires the Virginia Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advisory Board, in consultation with the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine, to develop guidelines for emergency treatment of fire, police, and search and rescue dogs injured in	<b>Enacted 4/5/2024</b>

		the line of duty and for the transportation of such dogs by an EMS vehicle to a veterinary care facility equipped to provide emergency treatment to such dogs.	
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## Equine

State	Link	Summary of Proposed Bill or Regulation	Status
Pennsylvania	<a href="#">PA H.B. 2327</a>	Would appropriate \$20 million for the construction of the Pennsylvania Equine Toxicology and Research Laboratory on New Bolton Campus of the University of Pennsylvania.	Introduced 4/10/2024

## Euthanasia

State	Link	Summary of Proposed Bill or Regulation	Status
Delaware	<a href="#">DE S.B. 269</a>	Would clarify that impounded at-large dogs that are designated for disposal must be humanely euthanized.	Introduced 4/16/2024
Kentucky	<a href="#">201 KAR 16:552</a>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires the Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners (KBVE) be notified in writing within 10 days of the termination of employment of a certified euthanasia specialist;</li> <li>Requires a certified animal control agency to report to the KBVE and DEA within 24 hours of any suspected diversion or theft of controlled substances;</li> <li>Restricts animal control agencies to the purchase of sodium pentobarbital for euthanasia; and,</li> <li>Updates safe storage requirements for controlled substances at animal control agencies.</li> </ol>	Effective 4/2/2024

## Liability

State	Link	Summary of Proposed Bill or Regulation	Status
Colorado	<a href="#">CO H.B. 24-1074</a>	Provides immunity from criminal liability for a veterinarian providing care or euthanasia to end extreme pain or suffering of a law enforcement animal.	Enacted 4/17/2024

## Licensure

State	Link	Summary of Proposed Bill or Regulation	Status
Georgia	<a href="#">GA S.B. 410</a>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Directs the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine to adopt rules by December 31, 2024, for a one-time, six-month temporary license, license by endorsement, or combination for veterinarians and veterinary technicians licensed in another state where the training, experience, and testing substantially meets or exceeds the requirement to obtain a license in Georgia and is in good standing with their state of licensure;</li> <li>Limits these new temporary licenses to practice in government or nonprofit shelter medicine, nonprofit sterilization clinics, or nonprofit mobile sterilization programs registered with this state; and,</li> <li>Makes veterinary technicians and veterinarians with temporary licenses under this program ineligible for the state's other temporary license.</li> </ol>	Enacted 4/23/2024
Nebraska	<a href="#">NE L.B. 1214</a>	Requires certain professions, including veterinarians, to be subject to a criminal background check for applicants' initial license.	Enacted 4/18/2024
North Carolina	<a href="#">NC H 938</a>	Would clarify that conviction of a felony or misdemeanor is grounds for disciplinary action by the Board of Veterinary Medicine.	Filed 4/30/3034

<b>Livestock</b>			
<b>State</b>	<b>Link</b>	<b>Summary of Proposed Bill or Regulation</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Florida</b>	<a href="#"><u>FL r. 5CER24-4</u></a>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prohibits any cattle exposed to or infected with Bovine Associated Influenza A Syndrome from being imported into Florida;</li> <li>2. Prohibits any lactating dairy cattle originating from a state that has a suspected or confirmed case of Bovine Associated Influenza A Syndrome from being imported into Florida; and,</li> <li>3. Requires any non-lactating dairy cattle that has not been exposed to or infected with Bovine Associated Influenza A Syndrome but originates from a state with a suspected or confirmed case to have a lawful official certificate of veterinary inspection that was completed no more than 10 days prior to importation into Florida.</li> </ol>	<b>Effective 4/12/2024</b>
<b>Mississippi</b>	<a href="#"><u>MS Entry Requirements for Cattle</u></a>	Temporarily prohibits cattle showing signs of low appetite, decreased lactation, and thickened or colostrum-like milk from moving into the state until further notice.	<b>Effective 4/4/2024</b>
<b>Oregon</b>	<a href="#"><u>OR OAR 603-011-5007</u></a>	Establishes emergency import requirements for cattle to prevent the spread of Bovine Influenza A syndrome.	<b>Effective 4/16/2024</b>

<b>Pet Insurance</b>			
<b>State</b>	<b>Link</b>	<b>Summary of Proposed Bill or Regulation</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Ohio</b>	<a href="#"><u>OH S.B. 175</u></a>	Would create a framework for pet insurance in the state.	Amended 4/30/2024

<b>Pharmaceuticals   Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs</b>			
<b>State</b>	<b>Link</b>	<b>Summary of Proposed Bill or Regulation</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Arizona</b>	<a href="#"><u>AZ H.B. 2045</u></a>	Includes xylazine in the definition of “dangerous drug,” which criminalizes the use, possession, or administration of the drug but provides a veterinary exemption.	<b>Enacted 4/8/2024</b>
<b>Illinois</b>	<a href="#"><u>IL H.B. 4450</u></a>	Would make xylazine a Schedule III controlled substance with a veterinary medicine exemption.	Amended 4/2/2024
<b>Virginia</b>	<a href="#"><u>VA S.B. 614/VA H.B. 1187</u></a>	Criminalizes the manufacturing, selling, giving, distributing, or possessing of xylazine with a veterinary medicine exemption.	<b>Enacted 4/4/2024</b>

<b>Research   Research Animals</b>			
<b>State</b>	<b>Link</b>	<b>Summary of Proposed Bill or Regulation</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Virginia</b>	<a href="#"><u>VA S.B. 411/VA H.B. 580</u></a>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Establishes the Task Force on Transparency in Publicly Funded Animal Testing Facilities to identify potential deficiencies in publicly funded animal testing facilities in the Commonwealth and recommend methods and context for making certain information about such animal testing facilities publicly available;</li> <li>2. Requires one task force member to be a Virginia-licensed, American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine-certified, veterinarian functioning in the role of attending veterinarian at one of the Commonwealth's publicly funded animal testing facilities; and,</li> </ol>	<b>Enacted 4/8/2024</b>

		3. Requires the task force to create a report on their findings and recommendations on how to improve transparency at publicly funded animal testing facilities in the Commonwealth by November 1, 2024.	
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### Scope of Practice

State	Link	Summary of Proposed Bill or Regulation	Status
Pennsylvania	<a href="#">PA S.B. 1178</a>	Would prohibit the performance of a declawing procedure that is not deemed necessary for a therapeutic purpose by a licensed veterinarian.	Introduced 4/22/2024
Virginia	<a href="#">VA H.B. 1354</a>	Prohibits declawing procedures, except for therapeutic purposes.	<b>Enacted</b> 4/8/2024
West Virginia	<a href="#">WV Certified Pesticide Applicator Rules</a>	Exempts veterinarians applying restricted use pesticides to patients during the ordinary practice of their profession from pesticide applicator certification testing, competency, and application requirements.	<b>Effective</b> 4/15/2024

### Small Business

State	Link	Summary of Proposed Bill or Regulation	Status
Iowa	<a href="#">IA H.F. 2688</a>	Would establish a Rural Veterinary Practice Innovation and Revitalization Fund and Rural Veterinary Practice Innovation and Revitalization Program to award financial assistance to eligible veterinary practices and improve veterinary services provided to agricultural animals in counties with a population of 30,000 or less.	Introduced 4/8/2024
Maryland	<a href="#">MD H.B. 1388</a>	Prohibits a noncompete or conflict of interest provision in an employment contract or a similar document or agreement that restricts the ability of a veterinarian or veterinary technician to enter into employment with a new employer or to become self-employed in the same or similar business or trade.	<b>Enacted</b> 4/25/2024
North Carolina	<a href="#">21 NCAC 66 .1001-.1004, and .1101-.1110</a>  * P. 1260	Would: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Require boarding kennels to have a program of veterinary care (PVC) that includes disease control and prevention, vaccination, euthanasia, disposition of diseased, ill, injured, infirm, or deformed animals, and provision of adequate routine and emergency veterinary care that must be established by the owner and supervising veterinarian;</li> <li>2. Require the PVC for boarding kennels to be submitted as part of the application and be approved by the Board of Veterinary Medicine and changes to the PVC be submitted for approval to the Board within 10 days of the effective date;</li> <li>3. Require boarding kennel owners to consult a veterinarian if there is an infectious disease outbreak that persists for more than seven days at the facility and if there is an outbreak that persists for more than 30 days the owner must obtain and follow a veterinarian's written recommendations for correcting the problem (including recommendations for sanitation of primary enclosures, common areas, exercise areas and accessories, and protocols for animal intake, evaluation, isolation, disease recognition and treatment and euthanasia);</li> <li>4. Require sick or diseased, injured, lame, or blind dogs or cats be provided with adequate veterinary care in a timely manner or be euthanized, provided that the euthanasia shall not affect compliance with any state or local law requiring</li> </ol>	Proposed 4/1/2024  Public Hearing 5/21/2024  Closed for Comment 5/31/2024  Proposed Effective Date 8/1/2024

		<p>the holding, for a specified period, of animals suspected of being diseased;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Require, if an animal cannot be euthanized due to a required holding period, then adequate veterinary care be provided to the animal;</li> <li>6. Require full written disclosure of the medical condition of the animal and all veterinary medical treatments provided to the animal be provided to the person or organization receiving, adopting, purchasing, or otherwise acquiring the animal;</li> <li>7. Require all animals in a boarding kennel be in compliance with state rabies laws; and,</li> <li>8. Prohibit boarding kennels from administering prescription medication, tranquilizer, sedative, or any pharmaceutical drug designed to calm an animal unless the medication or drug is administered under the direction of or by prescription from the animal's veterinarian, and written permission from the animal's owner.</li> </ol>	
<b>Texas</b>	<a href="#">TX 22 TAC §573.83</a>	<p>Would:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Require a veterinarian to disclose to the owner or caretaker of an animal that the animal requires emergency treatment;</li> <li>2. Require a veterinarian to update the disclosures if the animal's medical condition changes; and,</li> <li>3. State that the person presenting the animal for emergency treatment is presumed to be its owner or caretaker.</li> </ol>	Proposed 3/28/2024

### State Programs | Board of Veterinary Medicine

State	Link	Summary of Proposed Bill or Regulation	Status
<b>Massachusetts</b>	<a href="#">MA S. 2731/MA H. 4564</a>	<p>Would:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Direct the Commissioner of Agriculture to create rules mandating certain standards at kennels such as housing, space, veterinary care, nutrition, and hydration; and,</li> <li>2. Create a committee to advise the Commissioner of Agriculture on promulgation of rules for kennels which must include one veterinarian or member of a veterinary medical association organized within the Commonwealth.</li> </ol>	Filed 4/16/2024
<b>Virginia</b>	<a href="#">VA S.B. 663</a>	Permits the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine to regulate, inspect, and register all satellite offices where veterinary medicine is practiced and directs the Board to promulgate rules to implement this section within 280 days of enactment.	<b>Enacted</b> 4/5/2024
<b>Virginia</b>	<a href="#">VA H.B. 848</a>	Allows the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine to permit limited practice of veterinary medicine by a veterinary medicine licensure applicant, provided they are enrolled in a traineeship program and under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian.	<b>Enacted</b> 4/2/2024

### Taxes: Credits | Exemptions | Sale & Use

State	Link	Summary of Proposed Bill or Regulation	Status
<b>Nebraska</b>	<a href="#">NE L.B. 388</a>	Would exclude veterinary services and specialty services performed on livestock as gross income.	Amended 4/10/2024

### Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship | Telemedicine

State	Link	Summary of Proposed Bill or Regulation	Status
<b>Colorado</b>	<a href="#">CO H.B. 24-1048</a>	1. Clarifies that an examination to establish a VCPR must be an in-person, physical examination by a licensed veterinarian;	<b>Enacted</b> 4/19/2024



		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Extends a VCPR to other licensed veterinarians who share the same physical premises as the veterinarian who established the VCPR if there is access to and have reviewed the patient’s medical records, including via telemedicine;</li> <li>3. Permits a licensed veterinarian who has established a VCPR to use telehealth to provide veterinary services to clients and patients in Colorado with the consent of the client;</li> <li>4. Permits only a licensed veterinarian with an established VCPR to use telemedicine to administer, distribute, or dispense a prescription drug that has been prescribed by another licensed veterinarian who has an established VCPR;</li> <li>5. Permits licensed veterinarians to refer a patient to a veterinary specialist who may provide veterinary services via telemedicine under the referring veterinarian’s VCPR;</li> <li>6. Permits a licensed veterinarian to telesupervise an RVT for tasks that do not require direct or immediate supervision pursuant to Board rules;</li> <li>7. Authorizes the Board of Veterinary Medicine to establish rules for the use of telehealth to provide veterinary services;</li> <li>8. Clarifies that only a licensed veterinarian with an established VCPR may prescribe medication using telemedicine;</li> <li>9. Establishes record-keeping, confidentiality, and privacy requirements related to the use of telehealth; and,</li> <li>10. Establishes definitions for teleadvice, teleconsulting, teleeducation, telehealth, telemedicine, telemonitoring, telereferral, telesupervision, teletriage, and veterinary specialist.</li> </ol>	
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**Veterinary Technicians | Veterinary Assistants**

State	Link	Summary of Proposed Bill or Regulation	Status
Minnesota	<a href="#"><u>MN S.F. 4570</u></a>	Would: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Establish licensure for veterinary technicians;</li> <li>2. Define “direct supervision,” “remote supervision,” “licensed veterinary technician,” and “veterinary technology;”</li> <li>3. Define the scope of practice for unlicensed veterinary employees and individuals with an institutional license; and,</li> <li>4. Establish a path for institutional licensure for any person who practices veterinary medicine while employed by the University of Minnesota.</li> </ol>	Amended 4/8/2024
Minnesota	<a href="#"><u>MN H.F. 4247</u></a>	Would establish licensure for different professions, including for veterinary technicians.	Amended 4/2/2024

**Wildlife | Zoo Animals**

State	Link	Summary of Proposed Bill or Regulation	Status
Louisiana	<a href="#"><u>LA H.B. 854</u></a>	Would permit an individual to possess in captivity any sick, injured, or orphaned wildlife if they have satisfied the course requirements of the Wildlife Rehabilitation Program and a licensed veterinarian has determined that the animal is medically non-releasable or exhibits signs of adjusted life in captivity and poses minimum zoonotic potential.	Introduced 4/2/2024