

Formerly called Humane Society Legislative Fund

2025 Maryland Humane Scorecard

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Restrictions on Keeping Roosters (SB 375/HB 513)

A \checkmark indicates a vote in favor of SB375/HB513. This bill prohibits a person from keeping a rooster movement-constrained through use of certain enclosures or tethers.

Sponsors: Sen. Ben Kramer (D-19) and Del. Nick Allen (D-8)

Status: Approved by the Governor

Crimes Relating to Animals - Conviction and Sentencing (SB 152/HB 89)

A \checkmark indicates a vote in favor of SB152/HB89. This bill corrects an error in the state code to ensure that in cases where an individual is accused of cruelty to multiple animals that charges can be brought for each animal.

Sponsors: Sen. Chris West (R-42) and Del. Elizabeth Embry (D-43A)

Status: Approved by the Governor

Pet Policy Transparency Act (SB 896/HB 1152)

A \checkmark indicates a vote in favor of SB896/HB1152. This bill requires rental housing providers proactively share their pet policies so that no family commits to housing only to discover they cannot keep their pet.

Sponsors: Sen. Sara Love (D-16) and Del. Dana Stein (D-11B)

Status: Approved by the Governor

Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program Eligibility (SB 318/HB 643)

A \checkmark indicates a vote in favor of SB318/HB643. This bill includes veterinarians in the state's public service loan forgiveness program, expanding access to veterinary care by incentivizing more veterinarians to work in Maryland.

Sponsors: Sen. Karen Lewis Young (D-3) and Del. Michele Guyton (D-42B)

Status: Approved by the Governor

Wildlife Protections and Highway Crossings (SB 635/HB 731)

A \checkmark indicates a vote in favor of SB635/HB731. This bill ensures that wildlife movement and habitat connectivity are factored into highway projects and local plans and create a fund to leverage federal connectivity funding.

Sponsors: Sen. Karen Lewis Young (D-3) and Del. Sheila Ruth (D-44B)

Status: HB 731 approved by the Governor; SB 635 passed state senate

Humane World Action Fund

Humane World Action Fund, formerly Humane Society Legislative Fund, was formed in 2004 as a separate lobbying affiliate of Humane World for Animals, formerly The Humane Society of the United States. Humane World Action Fund 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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Mike McKay (R-1)	× ×	✓ ✓	× ×	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	X	80%	
Paul Corderman (R-2)	√	√	X	√	X	60%	
Karen Lewis Young (D-3)	√	\checkmark	\checkmark	SP	SP	100%	
William G. Folden (R-4)	√	E	Х	√	Х	50%	
Justin Ready (R-5)	√	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	Х	80%	✓ Took pro-ar
Johnny Ray Salling (R-6)	√ 	√	X	√	√	80%	of vote, or cos
J.B Jennings (R-7)	√	√	√	√	√	100%	
Carl Jackson (D-8)	√ √	√ √	√ √	√ √	√ √	100%	
Katie Fry Hester (D-9) Benjamin Brooks (D-10)	√	√ √	√	√ √	√ √	100%	SP Served as p
Shelly Hettleman (D-11)	√ 	↓ √	√ 	√ 	v √	100%	
Clarence K. Lam (D-12)	√	√	√	√	√	100%	
Guy Guzzone (D-13)	√	√	\checkmark	√	√	100%	X Took anti-a of vote, or cos
Craig J. Zucker (D-14)	√	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	100%	or vote, or cos
Brian J. Feldman (D-15)	√	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	100%	
Sara Love (D-16)	~	√	SP	~	√	100%	E Did not vote
Cheryl C. Kagan (D-17)	√	√	√	√	√	100%	
Jeff Waldstreicher (D-18)	√ 	√ √	√ √	E	√ √	100%	
Benjamin F. Kramer (D-19) William C. Smith Jr. (D-20)	SP √	√ √	√ √	√ √	√ √	100%	NV Did not vo
Jim Rosapepe (D-21)	√ 	√ √	√ √	√ √	√	100%	
Alonzo T. Washington (D-22)	√	NV	√	√	√	80%	Note: In some
Ron Watson (D-23)	√	√	√	√	\checkmark	100%	unavoidable p family, serious
Joanne C. Benson (D-24)	√	\checkmark	\checkmark	E	\checkmark	100%	their district.
Nick Charles (D-25)	~	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	100%	
C. Anthony Muse (D-26)	√	~	~	E	~	100%	
Michael A. Jackson (D-27)	√	√	√	√	√	100%	
Arthur Ellis (D-28)	√ √	E	√ X	√ √	√ √	100%	
Jack Bailey (R-29) Shaneka Henson (D-30)	√	√	∧	√ √	√	80% 100%	
Bryan W. Simonaire (R-31)	√ 	↓ √	√ 	√ 	X	80%	
Pamela Beidle (D-32)	√	√	√	√	√	100%	
Dawn Gile (D-33)	√	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	100%	
Mary-Dulany James (D-34)	√	\checkmark	\checkmark	E	\checkmark	100%	
Jason C. Gallion (R-35)	~	\checkmark	Х	\checkmark	Х	60%	
Stephen S. Hershey Jr. (R-36)	√	√	√	√	Х	80%	
Johnny Mautz (R-37)	√	√	X	√	X	60%	
Mary Beth Carozza (R-38)	√ /	√ 	√ 	√ 	X	80%	
Nancy J. King (D-39)	√ √	√ √	√ √	√ E	√ √	100%	
Antonio Hayes (D-40) Dalya Attar (D-41)	√ √	√ √	√ √	√	√	100%	
Christopher West (R-42)		SP	√	√ 	√	100%	
Mary Washington (D-43)	√	√	√	√	√	100%	
Charles E. Sydnor III (D-44)	√	√	√	√	√	100%	
Cory V. McCray (D-45)	√	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	100%	
Bill Ferguson (D-46)	√	√	√	√	√	100%	
Malcolm Augustine (D-47)	√	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	100%	

Y Took pro-animal position through vote, statement f vote, or cosponsorship	
P Served as prime sponsor of pro-animal legislation	
✓ Took anti-animal position through vote, statement if vote, or cosponsorship	
Did not vote - excused by the presiding officer	
IV Did not vote due to absence or abstention	

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James C. Hinebaugh Jr. (R-1A)	Rest	Con.	Pet'	Jane	X	5 ^{CO1}	
Jason Buckel (R-1B)	√	√	√	√	X	80% 80%	
Terry L. Baker (R-1C)	√	√	NV	√	X	60%	
William M. Valentine (R-2A) William J. Wivell (R-2A)	X	√ √	X	√ √	X	40%	<u>Key</u>
Matthew J. Schindler (D-2B)		√ √	∧	√ √		40%	✓ Took pro-animal position through vote, statement
Kristopher G. Fair (D-3)	√	√	\checkmark	√	√	100%	of vote, or cosponsorship
Kenneth P. Kerr (D-3)	√	E	~	E	√	100%	
Karen P. Simpson (D-3)	√ √	√ √	√ √	√ √	√ 	100%	SP Served as prime sponsor of pro-animal legislation
Barrie S. Ciliberti (R-4) April Fleming Miller (R-4)	√ √	√ √	X	√ √	X	80%	
Jesse T. Pippy (R-4)	√	√	X	√	X	60%	
Christopher E. Bouchat (R-5)	√	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	Х	80%	X Took anti-animal position through vote, statement of vote, or cosponsorship
April R. Rose (R-5)	√ 	√ 	X	NV	X	40%	
Christopher L. Tomlinson (R-5) Robin L. Grammer Jr. (R-6)	√ X	√ √	X X	√ X	X X	60% 20%	
Robert B. Long (R-6)	\\ 	√ √	~	 √	X	80%	E Did not vote - excused by the presiding officer
Richard W. Metzgar (R-6)	√	~	~	√	X	80%	
Ryan M. Nawrocki (R-7A)	\checkmark	\checkmark	Х	√	Х	60%	NV Did not vote due to absence or abstention
Kathy Szeliga (R-7A)	X	√ NV	X	√ X	X	40%	
Lauren C. Arikan (R-7B) Nick Allen (D-8)	√ SP	NV √	\checkmark	× √	X V	40%	
Harry (h.B.) Bhandari (D-8)	√	~	√ 	√ √	√ 	100%	Note: In some cases, legislators must miss votes for unavoidable personal reasons, such as a death in the
Kim L. Ross (D-8)	√	\checkmark	\checkmark	√	\checkmark	100%	family, serious illness, birth of a child or emergency in
Chao Wu (D-9A)	√	NV	√	E	√	75%	their district.
Natalie C. Ziegler (D-9A) M. Courtney Watson (D-9B)	√ √	√ √	√ √	√ √	√ √	100%	
Adrienne A. Jones (D-10)	 √	√ √	\checkmark	\checkmark		100%	
N. Scott Phillips (D-10)	√	√	√	√	√	100%	
Jennifer White Holland (D-10)	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	√	\checkmark	100%	
Cheryl E. Pasteur (D-11A)	√	\checkmark	\checkmark	√	\checkmark	100%	
Jon S. Cardin (D-11B)	√ √	√ √	√ 	√ √	√ √	100%	
Dana M. Stein (D-11B) Jessica M. Feldmark (D-12A)	√ √	√ √	SP √	√ √		100%	
Terri L. Hill (D-12A)	√	√	√	√	√	100%	
Gary Simmons (D-12B)	√	\checkmark	\checkmark	√	\checkmark	100%	
Vanessa E. Atterbeary (D-13)	√	√	√	√	√	100%	
Pamela Lanman Guzzone (D-13)	√ √	√ √	√ √	√ √	√ √	100%	
Jennifer R. Terrasa (D-13) Anne R. Kaiser (D-14)	√ √	√ √	√ √	√ √	√ √	100%	
Bernice D. Mireku-North (D-14)		√ 	√ 	√ √	√ 	100%	
Pamela E. Queen (D-14)	√	~	~	√	√	100%	
Linda K. Foley (D-15)	√	\checkmark	\checkmark	√	\checkmark	100%	
David Fraser-Hidalgo (D-15)	√ 	√ 	√ 	√ 	√ 	100%	
Lily Qi (D-15) Marc A. Korman (D-16)	✓ ✓	√ √	√ √	√ √	\checkmark	100%	
Sarah S. Wolek (D-16)	√	√	√ √	√ √	√	100%	
Teresa S. Woorman (D-16)	√	√	√	√	√	100%	
Julie Palakovich Carr (D-17)	√	\checkmark	\checkmark	√	\checkmark	100%	
Ryan S. Spiegel (D-17)	√ 	√ 	√ 	√ 	√ 	100%	
Joseph Vogel (D-17) Aaron M. Kaufman (D-18)	√ √	√ √	√ √	√ √	√ √	100%	
Emily K. Shetty (D-18)	√ √	√ √	√ √	√ √	√ √	100%	
Jared Solomon (D-18)	√	√	√	√	√	100%	
Charlotte A. Crutchfield (D-19)	√	\checkmark	\checkmark	√	\checkmark	100%	
Bonnie L. Cullison (D-19)	√ 	√ 	√ 	√ /	√ 	100%	

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Vaughn M. Stewart III (D-19)

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Lorig Charkoudian (D-20)		✓	✓	✓	1	100%
David H. Moon (D-20)	↓ ↓	√ 	↓ ↓	√ 		100%
Jheanelle K. Wilkins (D-20)			√	· √	√	100%
Benjamin S. Barnes (D-21)	√	1	√	√	√	100%
Mary A. Lehman (D-21)	√	√	√	√	√	100%
Joseline Peña-Melnyk (D-21)	√	1	√	√	1	100%
Anne M. Healey (D-22)	√	√	√	√	√	100%
Ashanti F. Martinez (D-22)	√	√	√	√	√	100%
Nicole A. Williams (D-22)	√	√	√	√	√	100%
Adrian A. Boafo (D-23)	√	1	√	1	~	100%
Marvin E. Holmes Jr. (D-23)	√		√	· √	√	100%
Kym Taylor (D-23)		√ 	√	√ 	√	100%
Tiffany T. Alston (D-24)	√	√	√	1	~	100%
Andrea Fletcher Harrison (D-24)	√	1	√	1	1	100%
Jazz M. Lewis (D-24)				· √	√	100%
Kent Roberson (D-25)	· ·	√ 	√ 	· √		100%
Denise Roberts (D-25)	· ·	· √	. √	· ·	√	100%
Karen R. Toles (D-25)		√ 		v √		100%
	 √	 √	 √	✓ ✓	 √	
Veronica L. Turner (D-26)	✓ ✓	√ √	 √	\checkmark	 ✓	100%
Kriselda Valderrama (D-26)				-		100%
Jamila J. Woods (D-26)	√	√ 	√ 	√ 	√ 	100%
Kevin M. Harris (D-27A)	√	√ √	√	√ √	√	100%
Jeffrie E. Long Jr. (D-27B)	NV	√ 	√ 	√ 	E	75%
Mark N. Fisher (R-27C)	X	√	Х	\checkmark	X	40%
Debra M. Davis (D-28)	√	√	√	√	√	100%
Edith J. Patterson D-28)	√	√	√	\checkmark	√	100%
C. T. Wilson (D-28)	√	√	√	√	~	100%
Matt Morgan (R-29A)	√	√	Х	\checkmark	X	60%
Brian Crosby (D-29B)	√	\checkmark	√	NV	\checkmark	80%
Todd B. Morgan (R-29C)	√	√	√	√	X	80%
Dylan A. Behler (D-30A)	√	√	√	√	√	100%
Dana C. Jones (D-30A)	√	√	√	√	E	100%
Seth A. Howard (R-30B)	√	√	√	√	X	80%
Brian A. Chisholm (R-31)	√	√	√	√	X	80%
Nicholaus R. Kipke (R-31)	√	√	√	√	X	80%
LaToya Nkongolo (R-31)	√	√	√	✓	X	80%
J. Sandy Bartlett (D-32)	√	1	√	1		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	80%
Heather A. Bagnall (D-33C)	√ 	√ √	√ √	√ √	\checkmark	
	 √	 √	 √	\checkmark	✓ ✓	100%
Andre V. Johnson Jr. (D-34A)	 √	 √	 √	√ √	 √	100%
Steve C. Johnson (D-34A)		-				100%
Susan K. McComas (R-34B)	√ √	√ 	X	\checkmark	√ 	80%
Michael Griffith (R-35A)		√ √		\checkmark	E	100%
Teresa E. Reilly (R-35A)	√	√ 	E	√ 	X	75%
Kevin B. Hornberger (R-35B)	√	√ √	√ √	\checkmark	√ √	100%
Steven J. Arentz (R-36)	/	√	X	√	X	60%
Jefferson L. Ghrist (R-36)	√	√	√	√ 	X	80%
Jay A. Jacobs (R-36)	√ 	√ 	√	√	X	80%
Sheree Sample-Hughes (D-37A)	√	√	√	\checkmark	NV	80%
Christopher T. Adams (R-37B)	√	√	Х	\checkmark	X	60%
Thomas S. Hutchinson (R-37B)	√	√	Х	\checkmark	X	60%
Charles J. Otto III (R-38A)	NV	~	Х	√	Х	40%
Barry S. Beauchamp (R-38B)	√	√	X	√	X	60%
Wayne A. Hartman (R-38C)	√	\checkmark	Х	\checkmark	X	60%
Gabriel Acevero (D-39)	√	√	√	\checkmark	√	100%
Lesley J. Lopez (D-39)	\checkmark	\checkmark	√	√	\checkmark	100%
N. Gregory Wims (D-39)	√	√	√	√	√	100%
Varlon D. Amprey (D-40)	√	√	√	√	√	100%
Frank M. Conaway Jr. (D-40)	√	√	E	√	√	100%
Melissa R. Wells (D-40)	√	√	√	√	~	100%
Samuel I. Rosenberg (D-41)	√	√	√	√	√	100%
Malcolm P. Ruff (D-41)	√	√	√	√	√	100%
Sean A. Stinnett (D-41)	· ·	√	√	· √	√	100%
Nino Mangione (R-42A)	↓ ↓	 √	X	NV	X	40%
Michele J. Guyton (D-42B)	 √	 √		SP	∧	40%
	√	√ √	✓ ✓	JP √	X	
loshua I. Stonko (R-12C)	1 V	V V	V V	L V	^	80%
	1	1	1	1	/	
Joshua J. Stonko (R-42C) Regina T. Boyce (D-43A) Elizabeth M. Embry (D-43A)	√ √	√ SP	√ √	√ √	√ √	100%

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SP Served as prime sponsor of pro-animal legislation
X Took anti-animal position through vote, statement of vote, or cosponsorship
E Did not vote - excused by the presiding officer
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Eric D. Ebersole (D-44A)	√	√	√	\checkmark	\checkmark	100%
Aletheia R. McCaskill (D-44B)	√	√	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	100%
Sheila S. Ruth (D-44B)	√	~	\checkmark	\checkmark	SP	100%
Jacqueline T. Addison (D-45)	√	√	√	√	√	100%
Stephanie M. Smith (D-45)	√	√	~	~	~	100%
Caylin A. Young (D-45)	√	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	100%
Luke H. Clippinger (D-46)	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	100%
Mark Edelson (D-46)	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	100%
Robbyn T. Lewis (D-46)	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	100%
Diana M. Fennell (D-47A)	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	100%
R. Julian Ivey (D-47A)	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	100%
Deni L. Taveras (D-47B)	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	100%

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