



**Humane World
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2025 Texas Humane Scorecard

2025 Scored Texas Legislation

Pancho's Law (HB 285)

A ✓ indicates a vote for HB 285, "Pancho's Law." Named in memory of Pancho, a dog killed while in the care of a trainer, this new law closes a long-standing loophole in Texas' animal cruelty statute by allowing prosecution of acts of cruelty committed with criminal negligence. Previously, even cases involving clear harm to animals often went unpunished, leaving negligent trainers, boarders, and groomers without accountability. HB 285 ensures more cases can be addressed in court while safeguarding veterinary professionals acting within the scope of their duties.

Sponsors: Rep. Claudia Ordaz (D-79)

Status: Passed into law

Roadside Animal Sales Ban in Border Counties (HB 2731)

A ✓ indicates a vote for HB 2731, a bill allowing certain counties to prohibit the transient sale of non-livestock animals, such as cats and dogs sold in parking lots or on roadsides. These sales often result in impulse purchases of animals that are sick, poorly bred, or sourced from unregulated sellers, many of which end up surrendered to already overburdened shelters. By enabling border counties, including Webb, El Paso, Cameron, and Hidalgo, to stop these sales, the law helps reduce animal suffering and promotes responsible pet acquisition. A broader provision to allow counties with 500,000 or more residents to opt in was removed before passage.

Sponsors: Sen. Juan Hinojosa (D-20) and Rep. Sergio Muñoz (D-36)

Status: Passed into law

"Spay. Neuter. Adopt." License Plate Program (SB 1568)

A ✓ indicates a vote for SB 1568, a bill creating a new "Spay. Neuter. Adopt." specialty license plate alongside the existing "Animal-Friendly" plate. The plate delivers a clear message promoting responsible pet ownership while directing \$22 from each sale to a state fund for low-cost spay/neuter services across Texas, with priority for rural and underserved areas. This program, paired with the Legislature's \$13 million spay/neuter pilot appropriation, will significantly expand access and help reduce pet overpopulation.

Sponsors: Sen. Judith Zaffirini (D-21) and Rep. Pat Curry (R-56)

Status: Passed into law

Roadside Animal Sales Ban in Montgomery and Fort Bend Counties (HB 2012)

A ✓ indicates a vote for HB 2012, a bill granting Montgomery and Fort Bend Counties the authority to prohibit the roadside and parking lot sale of live animals in unincorporated areas. These sales, often involving cats and dogs from unsafe, unregulated sources, can lead to animal suffering, consumer deception, and increased shelter intakes. By targeting these high-population counties, each adjacent to Harris County, this law closes a loophole in state law, helps curb inhumane sales practices, and supports more responsible pet acquisition.

Sponsors: Sen. Brandon Creighton (R-4), Rep. Cecil Bell (R-3), and Rep. Janis Holt (R-18)

Status: Passed into law

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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**Texas Humane Scorecard
State Senate**

	Roadside Animal Sales Ban in Montgomery and Fort Bend Counties (HB 2012)	Roadside Animal Sales Ban in Border Counties (HB 2731)	Pancho's Law (HB 285)	"Spay, Neuter, Adopt." License Plate Program (SB 1568)	Score
Bryan Hughes (R-1)	X	X	✓	✓	50%
Bob Hall (R-2)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Robert Nichols (R-3)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Brandon Creighton (R-4)	SP	✓	✓	✓	100%
Charles Schwertner (R-5)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Carol Alvarado (D-6)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Paul Bettencourt (R-7)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Angela Paxton (R-8)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Kelly Hancock (R-9)	##	##	##	##	N/A
Phil King (R-10)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Mayes Middleton (R-11)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Tan Parker (R-12)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Borris Miles (D-13)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Sarah Eckhardt (D-14)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Molly Cook (D-15)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Nathan Johnson (D-16)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Joan Huffman (R-17)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Lois Kolkhorst (R-18)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Roland Gutierrez (D-19)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Juan Hinojosa (D-20)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Judith Zaffirini (D-21)	✓	✓	✓	SP	100%
Brian Birdwell (R-22)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Royce West (D-23)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Pete Flores (R-24)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Donna Campbell (R-25)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Jose Menendez (D-26)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Adam Hinojosa (R-27)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Charles Perry (R-28)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Cesar Blanco (D-29)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Brent Hagenbuch (R-30)	✓	X	✓	✓	75%
Kevin Sparks (R-31)	X	✓	✓	✓	75%

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Resigned during term

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Gary VanDeaver (R-1)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	
Brent Money (R-2)	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	25%	
Cecil Bell Jr. (R-3)	SP	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	50%	
Keith Bell (R-4)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	
Cole Hefner (R-5)	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	25%	
Daniel Alders (R-6)	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	25%	
Jay Dean (R-7)	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	
Cody Harris (R-8)	NV	X	X	X	NV	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	0%	
Trent Ashby (R-9)	✓	X	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	25%	
Brian Harrison (R-10)	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	0%	
Joanne Shofner (R-11)	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	50%	
Trey Wharton (R-12)	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	75%	
Angelia Orr (R-13)	✓	NV	E	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	33%	
Paul Dyson (R-14)	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	75%	
Steve Toth (R-15)	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	0%	
Will Metcalf (R-16)	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	50%	
Stan Gerdes (R-17)	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	50%	
Janis Holt (R-18)	E	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	33%	
Ellen Troxclair (R-19)	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	50%	
Terry Wilson (R-20)	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	50%	
Dade Phelan (R-21)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	
Christian Manuel (D-22)	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	
Terri Leo-Wilson (R-23)	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	50%	
Greg Bonnen (R-24)	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	75%	
Cody Vasut (R-25)	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	0%	
Matt Morgan (R-26)	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	25%	
Ron Reynolds (D-27)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	
Gary Gates (R-28)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	
Jeffrey Barry (R-29)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	
A.J. Louderback (R-30)	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	75%	
Ryan Guillen (R-31)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	
Todd Ames Hunter (R-32)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	
Katrina Pierson (R-33)	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	25%	
Denise Villalobos (R-34)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	
Oscar Longoria (D-35)	✓	E	✓	✓	NV	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	67%	
Sergio Muñoz (D-36)	✓	SP	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	
Janie Lopez (R-37)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	
Erin Gamez (D-38)	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	
Armando Martinez (D-39)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	
Terry Canales (D-40)	✓	✓	E	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	67%	
Robert Guerra (D-41)	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	75%	
Richard Raymond (D-42)	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	75%	
José Manuel Lozano (R-43)	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	
Alan Schoolcraft (R-44)	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	25%	
Erin Zwiener (D-45)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	
Sheryl Cole (D-46)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	
Vikki Goodwin (D-47)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	
Donna Howard (D-48)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	
Gina Hinojosa (D-49)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	
James Talarico (D-50)	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	

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Lulu Flores (D-51)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Caroline Harris Davila (R-52)	X	X	✓	✓	50%
Wes Virdell (R-53)	X	NV	X	NV	0%
Brad Buckley (R-54)	E	✓	✓	✓	100%
Hillary Hickland (R-55)	X	X	X	X	0%
Pat Curry (R-56)	✓	✓	✓	SP	100%
Richard Hayes (R-57)	X	✓	✓	✓	75%
Helen Kerwin (R-58)	✓	E	✓	✓	100%
Shelby Slawson (R-59)	X	X	X	X	0%
Mike Olcott (R-60)	X	X	✓	X	25%
Keresa Richardson (R-61)	X	✓	✓	X	50%
Shelley Luther (R-62)	X	X	✓	X	25%
Ben Bumgarner (R-63)	✓	X	✓	X	50%
Andy Hopper (R-64)	X	X	✓	X	25%
Mitch Little (R-65)	X	X	NV	X	0%
Matt Shaheen (R-66)	X	X	E	✓	33%
Jeff Leach (R-67)	✓	X	✓	✓	75%
David Spiller (R-68)	X	✓	X	✓	50%
James Frank (R-69)	✓	✓	✓	X	75%
Mihaela Plesa (D-70)	✓	E	✓	✓	100%
Stan Lambert (R-71)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Drew Darby (R-72)	✓	E	✓	X	67%
Carrie Isaac (R-73)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Eddie Morales (D-74)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Mary González (D-75)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Suleman Lalani (D-76)	✓	E	✓	NV	67%
Vincent Perez (D-77)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Joe Moody (D-78)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Claudia Ordaz (D-79)	✓	✓	SP	✓	100%
Don McLaughlin (R-80)	✓	✓	E	✓	100%
Brooks Landgraf (R-81)	✓	E	✓	✓	100%
Tom Craddick (R-82)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Dustin Burrows (R-83)	••	••	••	••	N/A
Carl Tepper (R-84)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Stan Kitzman (R-85)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
John T. Smith (R-86)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Caroline Fairly (R-87)	✓	NV	✓	✓	75%
Ken King (R-88)	✓	E	✓	✓	100%
Candy Noble (R-89)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Ramon Romero Jr. (D-90)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
David Lowe (R-91)	X	X	✓	X	25%
Salman Bhojani (D-92)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Nate Schatzline (R-93)	X	X	E	✓	33%
Tony Tinderholt (R-94)	X	X	✓	X	25%
Nicole Collier (D-95)	✓	✓	E	✓	100%
David Cook (R-96)	X	✓	✓	X	50%
John McQueeney (R-97)	X	E	✓	✓	67%
Giovanni Capriglione (R-98)	✓	E	✓	✓	100%
Charlie Geren (R-99)	✓	E	✓	✓	100%
Venton Jones (D-100)	NV	✓	✓	✓	75%

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Chris Turner (D-101)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Ana-Maria Ramos (D-102)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Rafael Anchia (D-103)	✓	E	✓	✓	100%
Jessica González (D-104)	✓	✓	✓	NV	75%
Terry Meza (D-105)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Jared Patterson (R-106)	X	X	✓	X	25%
Linda Garcia (D-107)	✓	X	✓	✓	75%
Morgan Meyer (R-108)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Aicha Davis (D-109)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Toni Rose (D-110)	✓	X	✓	E	67%
Yvonne Davis (D-111)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Angie Chen Button (R-112)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Rhetta Bowers (D-113)	✓	X	✓	✓	75%
John Bryant (D-114)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Cassandra Hernandez (D-115)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Trey Martinez Fischer (D-116)	NV	✓	E	✓	67%
Philip Cortez (D-117)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
John Lujan (R-118)	✓	NV	✓	✓	75%
Elizabeth Campos (D-119)	✓	✓	E	✓	100%
Barbara Gervin-Hawkins (D-120)	✓	E	✓	✓	100%
Marc LaHood (R-121)	X	X	E	✓	33%
Mark Dorazio (D-122)	✓	✓	✓	X	75%
Diego Bernal (D-123)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Josey Garcia (D-124)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Ray Lopez (D-125)	NV	✓	NV	✓	50%
Sam Harless (R-126)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Charles Cunningham (R-127)	✓	✓	✓	X	75%
Briscoe Cain (R-128)	X	X	X	E	0%
Dennis Paul (R-129)	✓	X	✓	✓	75%
Tom Oliverson (R-130)	✓	X	NV	X	25%
Alma Allen (D-131)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Mike Schofield (R-132)	✓	E	✓	✓	100%
Mano DeAyala (R-133)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Ann Johnson (D-134)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Jon Rosenthal (D-135)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
John Bucy III (D-136)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Gene Wu (D-137)	✓	✓	NV	✓	75%
Lacey Hull (R-138)	X	X	✓	X	25%
Charlene Ward Johnson (D-139)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Armando Walle (D-140)	✓	E	✓	✓	100%
Senfronia Thompson (D-141)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Harold Dutton Jr. (D-142)	✓	E	✓	✓	100%
Ana Hernandez (D-143)	✓	E	✓	✓	100%
Mary Ann Perez (D-144)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Christina Morales (D-145)	✓	✓	E	✓	100%
Lauren Ashley Simmons (D-146)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Jolanda Jones (D-147)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Penny Morales Shaw (D-148)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Hubert Vo (D-149)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Valoree Swanson (R-150)	X	E	✓	✓	67%

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