



**Humane World
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2026 Maryland Humane Scorecard

2026 Scored Maryland Legislation

Animal Research Modernization and Best Practices Act (SB 423/HB 666)

A ✓ indicates the member voted in favor of SB 423/HB 666. The bill requires laboratories testing chemicals, drugs, pesticides, and other products to replace animal experiments with approved non-animal alternatives once those alternatives are accepted by the federal government. It also requires research and testing facilities to annually report the number of dogs and cats used in experiments and adopted out after the experiments end to the Department of Agriculture. Colleges and universities will also be required to submit federal inspection results to the General Assembly.

Sponsors: Sen. Ben Kramer (D) and Del. Bonnie Cullison (D)

Status: Approved by the Governor

Immunity From Liability - Donation of Pet Supplies (SB 314)

A ✓ indicates the member voted in favor of SB 314. The bill provides liability protection for anyone donating or distributing donated pet items.

Sponsors: Sen. Jeff Waldstreicher (D)

Status: Approved by the Governor

Pet Cremation and Burial Services Consumer Protection Act (HB 564)

A ✓ indicates the member voted in favor of HB 564. The bill requires pet cremation providers to disclose service types - private or communal - and certify remains to ensure transparency. It also sets record-keeping standards and enforces consumer protection rules for greater accountability.

Sponsors: Del. Nick Allen (D)

Status: Approved by the Governor

Endangered and Threatened Species of Migratory Birds (SB 431/HB 578)

A ✓ indicates the member voted in favor of SB 431/HB 578. The bill updates the management of endangered and threatened species by requiring periodic regulatory review, adjusting criteria for listing decisions, and allowing delisting when conditions are met. It also outlines petition requirements, permits designation of essential habitats, and prohibits taking certain migratory birds.

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

Status: Approved by the Governor

Private Possession (HB 53)

A ✓ indicates the member voted in favor of HB 53. The bill expands the list of exotic animals prohibited for private possession to include kangaroos, zebras, wallabies, and wallaroos.

Sponsors: Del. Mary Lehman (D)

Status: Passed House of Delegates

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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Maryland Humane Scorecard
State Senate

	Animal Research Modernization (SB 423)	Donation of Pet Supplies (SB 314)	Pet Cremation and Burial Services (HB 564)	Endangered and Threatened Species of Migratory Birds (SB 431)	Endangered and Threatened Species of Migratory Birds (HB 578)	Score
Michael W. McKay (R-1)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Paul D. Corderman (R-2)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Karen Lewis Young (D-3)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
William G. Folden (R-4)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Justin D. Ready (R-5)	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	80%
Johnny Ray Salling (R-6)	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	80%
J.B Jennings (R-7)	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	100%
Carl W. Jackson (D-8)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Katie Fry Hester (D-9)	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	80%
Benjamin T. Brooks, Sr. (D-10)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Shelly L. Hettleman (D-11)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Clarence K. Lam (D-12)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Guy J. Guzzone (D-13)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Craig J. Zucker (D-14)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Brian J. Feldman (D-15)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Sarah N. Love (D-16)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Cheryl C. Kagan (D-17)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Jeff Waldstreicher (D-18)	✓	SP	✓	✓	✓	100%
Benjamin F. Kramer (D-19)	SP	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
William C. Smith Jr. (D-20)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Jim C. Rosapepe (D-21)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Alonzo T. Washington (D-22)	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	80%
Ronald L. Watson (D-23)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Joanne C. Benson (D-24)	E	E	✓	✓	E	N/A
Nick Charles (D-25)	✓	E	✓	✓	NV	75%
C. Anthony Muse (D-26)	E	E	✓	NV	✓	67%
Kevin M. Harris (D-27)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Arthur C. Ellis (D-28)	✓	✓	X	NV	NV	40%
John D. (Jack) Bailey (R-29)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Shaneka T. Henson (D-30)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Bryan W. Simonaire (R-31)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Pamela G. Beidle (D-32)	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	100%
Dawn D. Gile (D-33)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Mary-Dulany James (D-34)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Jason C. Gallion (R-35)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Stephen S. Hershey Jr. (R-36)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
John F. Mautz (R-37)	✓	✓	✓	X	X	60%
Mary Beth Carozza (R-38)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Nancy J. King (D-39)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Antonio L. Hayes (D-40)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Dalya Attar (D-41)	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	100%
Christopher R. West (R-42)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Mary L. Washington (D-43)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Charles E. Sydnor III (D-44)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Cory V. McCray (D-45)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
William C. Ferguson IV (D-46)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Malcolm L. Augustine (D-47)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%

Key

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James C. Hinebaugh Jr. (R-1A)	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	50%
Jason C. Buckel (R-1B)	✓	✓	NV	X	X	X	33%
Terry L. Baker (R-1C)	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	33%
William M. Valentine (R-2A)	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	50%
William J. Wivell (R-2A)	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	33%
Matthew J. Schindler (D-2B)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Kristopher G. Fair (D-3)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Kenneth P. Kerr (D-3)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Karen P. Simpson (D-3)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Barrie S. Ciliberti (R-4)	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	67%
April Fleming Miller (R-4)	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	50%
Jesse T. Pippy (R-4)	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	50%
Christopher E. Bouchat (R-5)	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	X	0%
April R. Rose (R-5)	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	50%
Christopher L. Tomlinson (R-5)	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	67%
Robin L. Grammer Jr. (R-6)	X	✓	X	X	X	X	17%
Robert B. Long (R-6)	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	50%
Richard W. Metzgar (R-6)	✓	NV	✓	X	X	X	33%
Ryan M. Nawrocki (R-7A)	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	33%
Kathy Szeliga (R-7A)	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	33%
Lauren C. Arikan (R-7B)	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	33%
Nick Allen (D-8)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Harry (H.B.) Bhandari (D-8)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Kim L. Ross (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)	E	E	E	E	E	E	N/A
N. Scott Phillips (D-10)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Jennifer White Holland (D-10)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Cheryl E. Pasteur (D-11A)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Jon S. Cardin (D-11B)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Dana M. Stein (D-11B)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Jessica M. Feldmark (D-12A)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Terri L. Hill (D-12A)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Gary Simmons (D-12B)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Pamela Lanman Guzzone (D-13)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Gabriel M. Moreno (D-13)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Jennifer R. Terrasa (D-13)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	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%
Sarah S. Wolek (D-16)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Teresa S. Woorman (D-16)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Julie Palakovich Carr (D-17)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Ryan S. Spiegel (D-17)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Joseph Vogel (D-17)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Aaron M. Kaufman (D-18)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Emily K. Shetty (D-18)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Jared Solomon (D-18)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Charlotte A. Crutchfield (D-19)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Bonnie L. Cullison (D-19)	SP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Vaughn M. Stewart III (D-19)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Lorig Charkoudian (D-20)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
David H. Moon (D-20)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Jheanelle K. Wilkins (D-20)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Joseline Peña-Melnyk (D-21)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Benjamin S. Barnes (D-21)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%

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Mary A. Lehman (D-21)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Anne M. Healey (D-22)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Ashanti F. Martinez (D-22)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Nicole A. Williams (D-22)	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	100%
Adrian A. Bofo (D-23)	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	NV	67%
Marvin E. Holmes Jr. (D-23)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Kym Taylor (D-23)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Tiffany T. Alston (D-24)	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	100%
Derrick L. Coley (D-24)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Andrea Fletcher Harrison (D-24)	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	83%
Kent Roberson (D-25)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Denise Roberts (D-25)	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	100%
Karen R. Toles (D-25)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Veronica L. Turner (D-26)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Kriselda Valderrama (D-26)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Jamila J. Woods (D-26)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Darrel C. Odum, Sr. (D-27A)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Jeffrie E. Long Jr. (D-27B)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Mark N. Fisher (R-27C)	X	✓	✓	X	X	NV	33%
Debra M. Davis (D-28)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Edith J. Patterson (D-28)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
C. T. Wilson (D-28)	NV	NV	NV	✓	✓	E	40%
Matt Morgan (R-29A)	X	✓	✓	X	X	NV	33%
Brian M. Crosby (D-29B)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	100%
Todd B. Morgan (R-29C)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	83%
Dylan A. Behler (D-30A)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Dana C. Jones (D-30A)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Seth A. Howard (R-30B)	✓	✓	✓	X	X	NV	50%
Brian A. Chisholm (R-31)	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	33%
Nicholaus R. Kipke (R-31)	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	50%
LaToya Nkongolo (R-31)	X	✓	✓	NV	X	X	33%
J. Sandy Bartlett (D-32)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Mark S. Chang (D-32)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Michael J. Rogers (D-32)	NV	NV	✓	NV	✓	✓	50%
Andrew C. Pruski (D-33A)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Stuart M. Schmidt Jr. (R-33B)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Heather A. Bagnall (D-33C)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Andre V. Johnson Jr. (D-34A)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Steve 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	X	33%
Kevin B. Hornberger (R-35B)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	83%
Steven J. Arentz (R-36)	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	E	80%
Jefferson L. Ghrist (R-36)	✓	NV	✓	NV	X	X	33%
Jay A. Jacobs (R-36)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	83%
Sheree Sample-Hughes (D-37A)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	83%
Christopher T. Adams (R-37B)	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	67%
Thomas S. Hutchinson (R-37B)	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	67%
H. Kevin Anderson (R-38A)	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	50%
Barry S. Beauchamp (R-38B)	✓	✓	X	NV	X	X	33%
Wayne A. Hartman (R-38C)	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	50%
Gabriel Acevero (D-39)	NV	NV	NV	✓	NV	✓	33%
Lesley J. Lopez (D-39)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
W. Gregory Wims (D-39)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Marlon D. Amprey (D-40)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Frank M. Conaway Jr. (D-40)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Melissa R. Wells (D-40)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Samuel I. Rosenberg (D-41)	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	83%
Malcolm P. Ruff (D-41)	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	NV	67%
Sean A. Stinnett (D-41)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Nino Mangione (42A)	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	50%
Michele J. Guyton (D-42B)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Joshua J. Stonko (R-42C)	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	50%
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)	NV	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	67%
Sheila S. Ruth (D-44B)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Jacqueline T. Addison (D-45)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Stephanie M. Smith (D-45)	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	100%
Caylin A. Young (D-45)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Luke H. Clippinger (D-46)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Mark Edelson (D-46)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	100%
Robbyn T. Lewis (D-46)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%

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Diana M. Fennell (D-47A)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
R. Julian Ivey (D-47A)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Deni L. Taveras (D-47B)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%

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