
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT & AGRICULTURE

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, March 13, 2024

TIME: 4:00 PM

PLACE: Senate Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2007](#)

BY Murray, Valverde, Lauria, Tikoian, Euer, Miller, DiMario, Mack, Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS {LC3497/1} (Prohibits the declawing of cats by any surgical procedure to amputate or modify a portion of a cat's paw in order to remove the cat's claws. Does not apply to any procedure performed for a therapeutic purpose.)

01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

03/08/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2154](#)

BY Rogers, de la Cruz, E Morgan, Paolino, DeLuca, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- BIRDS {LC4264/1} (Allows the taking of wild turkeys by using a crossbow in compliance with rules and regulations promulgated by DEM.)

01/24/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

03/08/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2297](#)

BY Tikoian, Raptakis, Quezada, Ciccone, F. Lombardi, Britto, Sosnowski, Burke, McKenney, Rogers

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- FURBEARING ANIMALS {LC4826/1} (Deletes subsection (b) of this section which lists the furbearing mammals in the state and requires DEM to promulgate by rule, a list of "furbearers" for this chapter.)

02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

03/08/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2301](#)

BY Gu, Euer, Valverde, Lauria, Mack, Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- FORCE-FED POULTRY PRODUCTS {LC4002/1} (Prohibits force-feeding to create a force-fed poultry product nor hire another to engage in force feeding of a poultry product. Violations would be subject to a civil penalty of \$500.)

02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

03/08/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2302](#)

BY Gu, Lauria, Murray, Ujifusa, Valverde, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- TRADE IN ANIMAL FUR PRODUCTS ACT {LC4000/1} (Prohibits the sale/offer of sale/trade/distribution of fur products. Makes 3 violations of this chapter civil infractions punishable by civil penalty and the 4th violation a misdemeanor punishable by fine up to \$500 or imprisonment for 30 days or both.)

02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

03/08/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2305](#)

BY Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS {LC4403/1} (Provides that the trapping and subsequent release of any unowned feral or free roaming cat for the purpose of spaying or neutering of the cat would not be considered abandonment.)

02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

03/08/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2538](#)

BY Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY-- REGULATION OF VICIOUS DOGS {LC4543/1} (Permits euthanization of vicious dogs upon finding that dogs condition warrants euthanasia or after determination that there is no reasonable placement for the dog/provides any municipality that surrenders dog to RSPCA shall be responsible for costs.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

03/08/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2539](#)

BY Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS {LC5014/1} (Permits Smithfield to enact ordinances that would allow the animal control officer to issue citations which could be paid my mail and to prescribe penalties for violations of the town's ordinances regulating dogs.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

03/08/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2732](#)

BY LaMountain, DiMario, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- HUNTING AND HUNTING SAFETY -- CAPTIVE HUNTING PROHIBITED {LC5634/1} (Prohibits captive hunting for domestic or wild animals and does not prohibit the release of domestic game birds for hunting on licensed shooting preserves.)

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TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, in order for it to be provided to the members of the committee at the hearing and to be included in the meeting records.

TELEVISION AND LIVESTREAM INFORMATION

The meeting will be televised by Capitol Television on: Cox Communications, channels 15 and 61 for high definition; i3Broadband (Formerly Full Channel) on 15; and Verizon, on channel 34.

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