
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT & AGRICULTURE

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, March 19, 2025

TIME: 4:00 PM

PLACE: Senate Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [25](#)

BY Gu, DiMario, Murray, Ujifusa, Valverde, Britto, Lauria

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- TRADE IN FARMED ANIMAL FUR PRODUCTS {LC473/1} (Prohibits a person to sell, offer for sale, display for sale or otherwise distribute a farmed animal fur product within the state and provides graduated civil penalties for violations.)

01/23/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [90](#)

BY Rogers, de la Cruz, Paolino, E Morgan, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- MILK SANITATION CODE {LC361/1} (Permits and legalize the sale of raw milk.)

01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [180](#)

BY Murray, Britto, Tikoian, Sosnowski, DiMario, Bell, Valverde, McKenney, Euer, Lauria

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS {LC997/1} (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.)

02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [325](#)

BY Britto, DiMario, DiPalma, Bissaillon, Sosnowski, Raptakis, Urso

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- ANIMAL CARE {LC1480/1} (Amends the definition of "hobby breeder" to limit the sale or offering for sale to no more than two (2) litters of dogs or cats, or a combination thereof, in a three hundred and sixty-five (365) day period.)

02/21/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [398](#)

BY Murray, Urso, DiMario, Gallo, Valverde

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- PSITTACINE BIRDS {LC1878/1} (Bans the sale of parrots at pet stores from a breeder or broker. The pet store may sell parrots obtained from animal care facilities or animal rescue organizations. The sale would also be prohibited at any outdoor markets or retail parking lots.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [403](#)

BY Gu, DiMario, Britto, Valverde, Zurier, Euer, Bell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- FORCE-FED POULTRY PRODUCTS {LC197/1} (Prohibits force-feeding to create a force-fed poultry product or the hiring of another to engage in force-feeding of a poultry product. Violations would be subject to a civil penalty of \$500 per violation.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [647](#)

BY Murray, Sosnowski, Britto, Gu, DiMario, Kallman, Urso, Lauria

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- VETERINARY PRACTICE {LC2328/1} (Authorizes veterinarians to establish a client-patient relationship through electronic means, subject to limitations and requirements such as Vet making a good faith effort to determine if care should be provided through telemedicine instead of in person.)

03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [648](#)

BY Britto, Sosnowski, DiMario, Tikoian, Murray, Felag, LaMountain, Lawson, DiPalma, Gu

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- VETERINARY PRACTICE {LC2268/1} (Requires veterinarians to provide consultations to animal owners when a drug is prescribed and dispensed for that annual patient.)

03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [649](#)

BY Bissaillon, Raptakis, Britto, Dimitri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PET INSURANCE ACT {LC616/1} (Provides for the sale and regulation of pet insurance policies and their contents and provisions.)

03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [646](#)

BY Vargas, Gu, Britto, DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PESTICIDE CONTROL {LC2206/1} (Restricts application of pesticides and rodenticides at schools and child care centers and requires schools to provide copies of notice to parents and guardians.)

03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [651](#)

BY Murray, DiMario, Lauria, Sosnowski, Valverde, Kallman, Urso, Ujifusa, Mack

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PESTICIDE CONTROL {LC1274/1} (Creates rodent integrated pest management pilot programs for municipalities. That choose to participate. Reports would be approved by the municipality's mayor or administrator and would be submitted to the department of environmental management.)

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TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL:

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, in order for it to be provided to the members of the committee at the hearing and to be included in the meeting records.

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