



State Legislative Update

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This issue of the State Legislative Update includes select summaries of bills and regulations tracked by the AVMA Division of State Advocacy and introduced in July. For more information, please contact Madeline Brezin, Policy Analyst, AVMA Division of State Advocacy (mbrezin@avma.org).

Board of Veterinary Medicine

In **Kentucky**, regulations are being proposed to implement KY H.B. 167 - a practice act modernization bill passed earlier this year. The proposals would regulate requirements of animal control agencies, standards for recordkeeping, standards for surgery, and scope of practice and supervisory requirements for licensed veterinary technicians. Please visit the **Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners** website for more information.

Education

New York's NY S. 7608/NY A. 7903 would authorize veterinarians to provide free veterinary care services to individuals in shelters as self-instructional coursework. Veterinarians would be eligible to receive credit for up to three hours for their continuing education requirement.

Veterinary Technicians

North Carolina enacted NC S. 135, which provides title protection for registered veterinary technicians.

Xylazine

In **Michigan**, MI H.B. 4913 would make xylazine a schedule II controlled substance. The **Michigan Veterinary Medical Association** is working closely with the bill's sponsor to ensure the needs of veterinarians and their patients are considered.

Education			
State	Link	Summary of Proposed Bill or Regulation	Status
New York	<u>NY S. 7608/NY A. 7903</u>	Would authorize veterinarians to provide free veterinary care services to individuals in shelters as self-instructional coursework to receive credit for up to three hours for their continuing education requirement.	Introduced 7/19/2023

Livestock			
State	Link	Summary of Proposed Bill or Regulation	Status
New York	<u>NY S. 7611/NY A. 341</u>	<p>Would:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prohibit any person tethering or confining any covered animal (any calf raised for veal, breeding pig, or egg-laying hen who is kept on a farm), on a farm for all or the majority of the day, in a manner that prevents such animal from lying down, standing up and fully extending its limbs and turning around freely; and, 2. Create exemptions for transportation, exhibition, slaughtering, scientific or agricultural research, examination, testing, individual treatment or operation for veterinary purposes, and pigs during the seven-day period prior to their expected date of giving birth. 	Introduced 7/24/2023
New York	<u>NY A. 7841</u>	<p>Would:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prohibit farm owners and operators from confining covered animals (any calf raised for veal, breeding pig, or egg-laying hen who is kept on a farm) in a way that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Prevents the animal from lying down, standing up, fully extending the animal's limbs, or turning around freely; b. After 12/31/2024, confining a calf raised for veal with less than forty-three square feet of usable floorspace per calf; c. After 12/31/2024, confining a breeding pig with less than twenty-four square feet of usable floorspace per pig; d. After 12/31/2024, confining an egg-laying hen with less than the amount of usable floorspace per hen; 2. Prohibit businesses from engaging in sale of egg products or meat of wrongfully confined covered animals; and, 3. Exempts medical research and veterinary treatment from the confinement prohibition. 	Introduced 7/7/2023

Pharmaceuticals Prescription Drug Monitoring Program			
State	Link	Summary of Proposed Bill or Regulation	Status
Michigan	<u>MI H.B. 4913</u>	Would make xylazine a schedule II controlled substance.	Introduced 7/18/2023

State Programs Board of Veterinary Medicine			
State	Link	Summary of Proposed Bill or Regulation	Status
Kentucky	<u>201 KAR 16:550</u>	Would establish the certification requirements, standards for proper drug storage, and drugs that may be used by certified animal control agencies and the certified animal euthanasia specialists they employ. This includes authorization for certified animal control agencies to apply for a restricted controlled substances certificate from DEA.	Proposed 7/12/2023 Public Hearing 9/25/2023 Closed for Comment 9/30/2023
Kentucky	<u>201 KAR 16:552</u>	Would establish the duties for the animal control agency designated on-site manager, standards for proper drug storage, and drugs that may be used by certified animal control agencies and the certified animal euthanasia specialists they employ.	Proposed 7/12/2023 Public Hearing 9/25/2023

			Closed for Comment 9/30/2023
Kentucky	201 KAR 16:701	Would establish standards for medical records created for animal patients by board credential holders.	Proposed 7/12/2023 Public Hearing 9/25/2023 Closed for Comment 9/30/2023
Kentucky	201 KAR 16:702	Would set forth minimum standards for surgical procedures.	Proposed 7/12/2023 Public Hearing 9/25/2023 Closed for Comment 9/30/2023
Kentucky	201 KAR 16:750	Would set forth the scope of practice under various levels of veterinarian supervision and clearly define appropriate roles to be assigned by supervisors.	Proposed 7/12/2023 Public Hearing 9/25/2023 Closed for Comment 9/30/2023

Veterinary Technicians | Veterinary Assistants

State	Link	Summary of Proposed Bill or Regulation	Status
North Carolina	NC S. 135	Provides title protection for registered veterinary technicians.	Enacted 7/7/2023

Wildlife | Zoo Animals

State	Link	Summary of Proposed Bill or Regulation	Status
Illinois	IL S.B. 1883	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Makes it unlawful for any person to allow any member of the public to come into direct contact with a bear or nonhuman primate; and, Exempts licensed veterinarians, veterinary students accompanying a licensed veterinarian, and registered veterinary technicians under the direct or indirect supervision of a licensed veterinarian. 	Enacted 6/30/2023