

ANIMAL WELFARE

An Act prohibiting inhumane feline declawing

The Senate's legislation makes it illegal to declaw cats in Massachusetts unless deemed medically necessary by a veterinarian. Cat declawing hurts cats and has long term health consequences.

S.2552 passed the Senate on January 18, 2024.

An Act providing for the humane protection of animals

The Senate's legislation makes it illegal to sell a puppy or kitten less than 8 weeks old. Separating young pets from mothers and litters is harmful to their health and prevents them from learning how to be social.

S.2908 passed the Senate on July 29, 2024.

Ollie's Law: An Act to increase kennel safety

The legislation creates standards for kennels to make sure that animals are safe when staying for the day or night, sets a limit for number of animals that can be housed, and requires all kennels to be licensed by their city or town.

H.4919 was signed into law by Governor Maura Healey on October 10, 2024.

An Act protecting circus animals

The legislation prohibits circuses and traveling acts from using big cats, bears, elephants, giraffes, and primates, for entertainment. Animals are routinely harmed by acts that still use them, and the industry is moving away from using them.

H.4915 was signed into law by Governor Maura Healey on August 8, 2024.