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RI

[HB 5078](#)

Genetically Engineered Food

Description:

Would require any food produced with genetic engineering be labeled.

Status: Introduced 1/14/2015; Died in Chamber

Failed

RI

[HB 5494](#)

Relating To Animals And Animal Husbandry

Description:

Would expand the meaning of unnecessary cruelty to one who willfully, intentionally, maliciously, recklessly and/or knowingly authorizes or permits that animal to be subjected to unnecessary torture, suffering or cruelty of any kind.

Passed

Pass Date: 7/11/2013

RI

[HB 5505](#)

Description:

Would prohibit a farmer, owner or operator from confining veal calves, egg-laying hens and gestating sows in an enclosure that prevents the animal from fully extending its limbs without touching the sides of the enclosure.

Status: Introduced 2/12/2015; Died in Committee

Failed

RI

[HB 5605](#)

Unlawful Confinement Of A Covered Animal

Description:

Would prohibit a person from confining a gestating sow, veal calf or egg-laying hen in an enclosure in a manner that prevents the animal from turning around freely, lying down, standing up or fully extending its limbs.

Status: Introduced 3/1/2017; died in chamber
Failed

RI

[HB 5799](#)

Relating To Animals And Animal Husbandry

Description:

Would require a person charged with the care or custody of an animal to report concerns of animal abuse, neglect or abandonment to any local or state police department, animal control officials or officers of private organizations devoted to the humane treatment of animals, and shall be immune from suit by reason of making the report.

Status: Introduced 3/5/2015; Died in Chamber
Failed

RI

[HB 6023](#)

Unlawful Confinement Of A Covered Animal

Description:

Would prohibit a person from confining a gestating sow, veal calf or egg-laying hen in an enclosure in a manner that prevents that animal from turning around freely, lying down, standing up or fully extending its limbs. If passed, would require all eggs produced or sold in the state must have a minimum space allowance of 144 square inches per chicken.

Status: Introduced 3/29/2017; died in chamber
Failed

RI

[HB 6172](#)

Right to Farm

Description:

Defines secondary agricultural operations and provides that municipalities may limit and regulate secondary agricultural use but not prohibit such operations.

Status: Introduced 4/28/2017; died in chamber
Failed

RI

[HB 7324](#)

Description:

Would prohibit a person from confining any gestating sow, veal calf, or egg-laying hen in an enclosure that prevents the animal from turning around fully, lying down, standing up or fully extending the animals limbs. Would allow the continued use of presently owned enclosures for egg-laying hens installed before 7/1/2016 that do not meet the space requirement of 216 inches of available floor space, but if those enclosures are retrofitted, replaced or modified with a new or used enclosure, that enclosure must meet that space requirement.

Status: Introduced 1/27/2016; Died in Committee
Failed

RI

[HB 7456](#)

Unlawful Confinement Of A Covered Animal

Description:

The bill prohibits the confinement of a covered animal in a manner that prevents the animal from turning around freely, lying down, standing up or fully extending its limbs. Egg farms have until 2026 to comply.

Passed

Pass Date: 7/2/2018

RI

[HB 7768](#)

Animal Abuser Registry

Description:

Would create an animal abuser registry available to the public.

Status: Introduced 2/25/2010; Died in Chamber
Failed

RI

[HB 7769](#)

Prevention of Farm Animal Cruelty Act

Description:

Would prohibit a person from confining a gestating sow, veal calf and egg-laying hen in an enclosure in a manner that prevents the animal from lying down, standing up, turning around freely and fully extending its limbs.

Status: Introduced 2/25/2010; Died in Chamber
Failed

RI

[HB 8173](#)

Rhode Island Livestock Welfare and Care Standards Advisory Council Act of 2012

Description:

Would establish a livestock welfare and care standards advisory council that would review and evaluate laws and rules of the state applicable to the care and handling of livestock.

Passed

Pass Date: 6/21/2012

RI

[SB 203](#)

Description:

Defines practicing veterinary medicine. A person shall be regarded as practicing veterinary medicine when he/she conducts routine vaccinations or testing of poultry or livestock for the purposes of disease control activity or when a person who advises with respect to or performs acts which are livestock management and animal husbandry practices that have been accepted and performed as required by the livestock welfare and care standards advisory council. Prescription drugs shall not be used except by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian, as provided by state and federal law.

Status: Introduced 2/11/2015; Died in Chamber
Failed

RI

[SB 2139](#)

Description:

Would prohibit the use of battery cages for egg-laying hens.

Status: Introduced 1/29/2014; Died in Committee
Failed

RI

SB 2191

Description:

Would prohibit a person from confining a gestating sow or veal calf in an enclosure in a manner that prevents the animal from turning around freely, lying down, standing up or fully extending its limbs.

Status: Effective 6/6/2013

Passed

Pass Date: 6/6/2012

RI

SB 90

Freshwater Fishing

Description:

Would permit fishing in trout waters at any time of year without seasonal restriction.

Status: Introduced 1/22/2015; Died in Chamber

Failed

RI

SB 93

Genetically Modified Organisms To Be Labeled

Description:

Would require all food produced with genetic engineering be labeled.

Status: Introduced 1/22/2015; Died in Chamber

Failed

For More Information:

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