

# Maryland Humane Scorecard

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## 2003–2004 Sessions

**T**HIS IS THE THIRD EDITION OF the *Maryland Humane Scorecard*, a publication designed to provide citizens with information on how every Maryland state legislator voted on legislation affecting animals during the General Assembly's 418th legislative session. While much of the drama, negotiation, and discussion on the following bills occurred behind the scenes and out of public view, it's important to know what the animals gained or lost at the end of the day.

Inside this scorecard you'll find a brief description of animal protection bills introduced during the 2004 session, an account of how legislators voted on those bills in committee and on the floor, a note on legislators who spoke in support or opposition to those bills, a listing of who sponsored and cosponsored each bill, and a score representing the percentage of time each legislator voted in favor of protecting animals.

The votes on bills considered during the 2003 session are included in this scorecard; for additional information on the 2003 bills, go to [http://files.hsus.org/web-files/pdf/2003\\_md\\_scorecard.pdf](http://files.hsus.org/web-files/pdf/2003_md_scorecard.pdf).

This scorecard also provides contact information for legislators and grassroots assistance. All of this information is put together to make it easy for you to take action to help animals in the next session. We urge you to thank legislators who helped protect animals and call to task those who worked against animal protection policies. Educating and conveying your concerns to legislators can make a world of difference to animals.

### Importance of Committee Votes

The Maryland legislature has a committee system. Because the legislature meets for

just 90 days and considers more than 2,300 bills in that short time, most legislators rely on committees specializing in the specific subject matter of a bill to delve into the details of each piece of legislation. Under this system the committees have the first option to kill or pass a bill. Once a bill gets to the floor, many legislators will simply vote the way of the committee unless they hear otherwise from constituents, lobbyists, or colleagues. Bills that make it to the floor are likely to pass, so committee votes recorded here are critical.

**Note:** Many bills make it through either the Senate or House but are defeated when they "cross over." Never assume

that because a bill passes one house that it will make it through the other. It's important to keep the momentum going and to contact both House and Senate members about important legislation.

### Bill Summaries

#### 2004 Full Floor Votes

##### 1. Animal Fighting—H.B. 24 and S.B. 365

Sponsored for the third year by Del. Charles Boutin (R-34A) and for the first time by Sen. John Giannetti Jr. (D-21), this

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*S.B. 417, which would have given pregnant sows in gestation crates at least enough room to turn around, lost by just two votes in the Senate.*

legislation closed loopholes in the existing animal fighting law by making it a felony to possess, own, sell, transport, or train a dog or bird for fighting purposes or to allow such a fight to take place on one's property. It also made it a felony to possess implements used for cockfighting, including "slashers" and "gaffs" that are attached to the birds' legs. Lastly, the bill made it a misdemeanor to knowingly be a spectator at a cockfight, as was already the case for dogfighting. Now Maryland is one of the 47 states that ban the ownership of dogs for fighting and one of 41 that penalize those who attend a cockfight.

**Final Status:** The House Judiciary Committee and the full House passed the bill unanimously. The Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee amended the bill slightly and passed it, as did the full Senate, again unanimously. On the final day of the session, the House agreed to the Senate changes and passed the bill. On April 17, 2004, the bills were signed into law by Gov. Robert L. Ehrlich Jr., becoming effective October 1, 2004. A ✓ indicates support for closing the loophole and further protecting animals.

## 2. Minimum Crate Size for Confined Farm Animals—S.B. 417

Sen. Sharon Grosfeld (D-18) introduced this measure to create a minimum crate size for farmed animals who are confined to small crates for the majority of their lives. Similar to Florida's successful anti-cruelty initiative of 2002, this bill would have required producers using intensive

confinement "farming" systems to give pregnant pigs at least enough room to turn around. On many factory farms (though just a handful in Maryland), female pigs—the "breeder stock"—are kept in two-by-seven-foot metal crates, commonly called gestation crates, for the entire length of their pregnancies—almost four months. They are moved to another cage to have their piglets, only to be inseminated again and put back in gestation crates for the duration of their

next pregnancies. This cycle can go on for up to five years, forcing pigs to spend at least 80 percent of their lives unable even to turn around.

Industrial hog farms use these crates in a misguided attempt to maximize profits by packing as many animals into a barn as possible. Such intensive confinement practices cause prolonged and intense suffering and result in tremendous air and water pollution. For the tiny handful of Maryland farms that use these crates, a 10-year phaseout was included in the bill.

**Final Status:** The Senate Committee on Education, Health and Environmental Affairs (EHEA), chaired by Sen. Paula Hollinger (D-11), passed the bill by a vote of 7 to 4. This groundbreaking step took the bill to the Senate floor where it was defeated by just two votes. Votes by the Senate EHEA Committee are listed, as well as cosponsorships. A ✓ indicates a vote in favor of the animals.

## 2004 Bills That Were Considered Only in Committee

### 1. Black Bear Hunt Moratorium—H.B. 451

Del. Barbara Frush (D-21) introduced H.B. 451 for the second year to prevent a proposed bear hunt authorized by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). The bill called for a six-year moratorium on hunting bears and for a scientific population study during the fifth year so that accurate information would be available to guide state policy on bear management.

For 50 years Maryland's black bears have been protected, after the population plummeted to 12 in the 1950s due to bounties and hunting. Current estimates indicate that there are still only 266 to 437 black bears in the state. They face threats from development, habitat fragmentation, and intensive hunting in bordering states and are among the slowest mammals to reproduce. However, as the population has begun to reestablish itself, the administration has intensified its desire for a hunt in a reckless attempt to respond to human-bear conflicts. Despite the availability of effective and proven methods of aversive conditioning (reinstilling bears' natural fear of humans) and educating people who live in bear country on proper conflict control (locking up garbage cans and bird feeders), the MDNR has insisted on a trophy hunt. A hunt, as hearing testimony made clear, would not target "problem bears," and sightings and complaints will continue.

In 2004 the MDNR rejected a \$75,000 donation from The HSUS and The Fund for Animals to cover costs for nonlethal aversive training methods, educational outreach for those who live in bear habitat, and compensation to farmers—in exchange for holding off on the hunt.

**Final Status:** The bill was defeated by a vote of 10 to 11 in the House Environmental Matters Committee. Sponsor-

*A bill calling for a six-year moratorium on hunting bears was killed in committee, and on October 25, 2004, Maryland held its first black bear hunt in 50 years.*



ships and cosponsorships are scored and the committee vote is recorded. A ✓ indicates a vote in favor of the hunting moratorium.

## 2. Bear Hunt Regulations— AELR Committee Vote

Because the bear hunt moratorium bill failed, the MDNR drafted proposed regulations for a hunt to take place in October and December 2004. However, prior to the regulations taking effect, the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review (AELR) held a public hearing and a vote on the proposed hunt.

**Final Status:** The legislative committee rejected the proposed hunt by a vote of 12 to 7, but Gov. Ehrlich chose to override the legislative committee and proceed with the killing of Maryland's bears. During the first hunt on October 25, 2004, 20 bears were killed, including a nine-month-old, 84-pound cub.

The votes by committee members are scored and a ✓ indicates a vote against the bear hunt.

## 3. Leghold Trap Prohibition— S.B. 279 and H.B. 498

Sen. Grosfeld and Del. Frush sponsored this legislation to establish a statewide prohibition against using, setting, placing, or maintaining steel-jaw leghold traps anywhere in Maryland. Animals trapped by these cruel and indiscriminate devices—including so-called “nontarget” animals like family pets or protected species—often suffer crushed bones, torn tendons, and other serious injuries. Victims sometimes twist or chew off their own limbs to escape. Others linger and die from predation or exposure, and the majority are clubbed, beaten, or suffocated by the trapper when found.

The American Veterinary Medical Association, the World Veterinary Association, and the American Animal Hospital Association have declared steel-jaw leghold traps “inhumane.” Eighty-nine other nations have banned the use of these barbaric devices.

**Final Status:** Sen. Grosfeld went to great lengths to work with the MDNR on compromise language; however, the House bill was killed by the House Environmental Matters Committee before the compromising amendments were presented.

The Senate version was withdrawn without a vote. Sponsors and cosponsors in the Senate are listed and the committee vote in the House is scored. A ✓ indicates a vote for the animals.

## 4. Banning Animals as Prizes—H.B. 712

H.B. 712, sponsored by the Calvert County Delegation, would have banned giving animals such as rabbits and chicks as prizes at fairs and carnivals in Calvert County. It was inspired by a group of concerned citizens who reported ill health of “prize” animals and incidents of animals being awarded to children with no parent present. Prize animals are often kept in overcrowded and inhumane conditions and exposed to temperature extremes, careless handling, and neglect of their basic needs. Animals who survive long enough to be given away are often placed in the hands of an unprepared individual, usually a child, who in most cases has no knowledge of even the basic requirements the animal needs to survive. Event sponsors make little, if any, effort to inform animal prize recipients about the proper care of prize animals or possible threats the animals may pose to human health. Many animals suffer or die during these events or shortly thereafter due to improper care and neglect.

**Final Status:** The bill was amended slightly and passed by the House Judiciary Committee and then by a vote of 133 to 3 with five members not voting on the House floor. It was defeated in the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee by a vote of 8 to 3. This bill is scored on the House floor and in the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee. A ✓ indicates a vote for the animals.

## 5. Injury to or Death of a Pet— H.B. 1145

Sponsored by Del. Susan McCommas (R-35B), H.B. 1145 would have increased to \$10,000 (from \$5,000) the compensatory damages that could be awarded to a person whose companion animal is tortiously injured or killed. Current law allows a person to recover the “market value” of the pet before injury or death or the reasonable cost of veterinary care, but not more than \$5,000. The vast majority of people with companion animals value



*H.B. 712 to ban awarding live animals as prizes at fairs and carnivals in Calvert County passed the House committee but was defeated in the Senate committee.*

them far more than the small amount they may have paid to adopt them. In addition, with veterinary advances rivaling those of human surgery and therapy, many animals can be saved from near death—but often at a significant price.

**Final Status:** H.B. 1145 was amended significantly and passed by the House Judiciary Committee and then on the House floor by a vote of 129 to 4. The Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee failed to release the bill prior to the end of session. Votes are scored on the House floor and a ✓ indicates a vote for the animals.

## 6. Hunting of Fur-Bearing Animals—H.B. 906

This MDNR bill would have created a “furbearer stamp” to be sold to those who want to hunt or trap fur-bearing animals. The bill included a provision that would have allowed for the arbitrary killing of any fur-bearing animal causing any damage to real or personal property. Under the proposed bill, fur-bearing animals could be lawfully killed in untold numbers (no bag limits) and regardless of season, resulting in orphaned young, inhumane killing methods, and no incentive for people to try nonlethal methods to solve human-animal conflicts.

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*H.B. 906, which would have allowed random, unlimited killing of fur-bearing animals, was rejected by the Senate EHEA Committee.*

**Final Status:** H.B. 906 passed the House Environmental Matters Committee and the House floor. It was then killed by the Senate EHEA Committee. Votes are scored for the committees. A ✓ indicates a vote in favor of the animals.

## 7. Dangerous Dogs Task Force—H.B. 432

Del. Boutin introduced this legislation for the second year in response to reports of dangerous dogs. The bill would have established a task force to study dangerous dog issues, the health and safety of state residents, and the current laws regulating their control and would have required the task force to make legislative recommendations to help address these issues.

**Final Status:** This bill failed in the House Judiciary Committee. A ✓ indicates a vote in favor of the animals.

## 8. Inky's Bill—Large-Scale Balloon Release—Penalty—H.B. 1029

Del. Frush introduced this bill to prohibit the deliberate outdoor release of balloons. It was inspired by the account of Inky, a female pygmy sperm whale who was found sick and stranded due to plastic debris—including balloons—in her stomach. Inky's story is common, and H.B. 1029 was designed to make citizens more aware of the dangers discarded trash and balloons present to marine life. Many marine mammals, sea turtles, fish, and birds die every year from eating or becoming



*H.B. 432 would have established a task force to study dangerous dog issues but failed in the House Judiciary Committee.*

entangled in debris. Citizens would never condone the straightforward dumping of a thousand deflated plastic balloons over the side of a boat or onto a beach, so we shouldn't condone their release into the open air because the result may be the

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## Scoring Explanation

**T**HERE ARE TWO TYPES OF CHARTS in this document: one with committee votes and another that lists how each legislator voted when animal protection bills were considered by the full floor of the Senate and House.

Final scores on the committee charts are listed as fractions, for reference only, and aren't included in members' final scores. These fractions are also listed for reference in the "full floor vote" charts.

On the full floor vote charts, legislators receive a final percentage score based on their floor votes and their sponsorships or cosponsorships of animal protection legislation. **This final score represents the percentage of time that a member voted to protect animals when given the opportunity.** In generating this percentage,

members are given **full credit for each vote in favor of animal protection and a half credit for each sponsorship or cosponsorship.** Members who stood up to speak in favor of animal protection received a + next to their final scores, and those who spoke against animal protection received a - after their final scores.

The last column in the full floor vote charts lists how members of the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review (AELR) voted on the 2004 bear hunt regulations. Those with a ✓ voted to stop the hunt, and members with an ✗ voted to support the hunt.

To find out who your legislators are, please call the Maryland General Assembly or go to <http://mdelect.net/electedofficials>.

## Key for Terms and Symbols

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# Quick Reference

## The Legislative, Committee, and Bill Process in Maryland\*

**I**DEAS FOR BILLS (PROPOSED LAWS) come from many sources: the governor, government agencies, legislative committees, study commissions, special interest groups, lobbyists, professional associations, and—most importantly—constituents. The bill process is as follows: a constituent or coalition of organizations and individuals will contact a legislator with an idea. If the legislator likes the idea, he or she may request that it be drafted to meet constitutional standards and translated into appropriate “language” as a bill. The legislator, now called the “sponsor” of the bill, “drops” the bill (meaning that it is officially proposed) and it is assigned a number. The bill is assigned to a legislative committee that specializes in related subject matter. This committee will have a public hearing on it, presenting an opportunity for the sponsor and anyone who has interest in the legislation to come forward and voice support or opposition. The committee then considers the bill, often amend-

ing it by adding new language or removing portions of it. The final committee vote may be favorable (with or without amendment), unfavorable, or without recommendation. If voted out of committee (passed), the bill returns to the floor accompanied by a report of committee action. The leadership of the chamber the bill is in decides whether or not to bring it up for a vote. The bill can be altered on the floor, as well. If the entire House passes a bill, it will cross over to the Senate for consideration by the appropriate committee and then by the full Senate. In each chamber the bill will be voted on three times (once in committee and twice on the floor). It can be altered at any time up until the third reading, when the vote is pass or fail. The bill must receive a majority vote of the elected membership to pass.

If amended in the second chamber, the bill is returned to the chamber of origin for consideration of the amendments. If the amendments are agreed to, the bill is voted on as amended and

action is complete. The bill is reprinted, or “enrolled,” to include the amendments before being submitted to the governor. If the amendments are rejected, the amending chamber may be asked to withdraw its amendments. If it refuses, either chamber may request that a conference committee be appointed to resolve the differences between the two chambers. If both chambers agree on the amended version or have passed identical legislation, the bill goes to the governor for signature into law or veto. If vetoed, the legislature can take up the vetoed bill among its first order of business the next time it meets, either in a special session or at the start of the next session. A vetoed bill requires a vote passed by three-fifths of the legislature to become law. Vetoed bills are not taken up in a new general assembly, which immediately follows an election.

\*Adapted from [www.mdarchives.state.md.us/msa/mdmanual/07leg/html/proc.html](http://www.mdarchives.state.md.us/msa/mdmanual/07leg/html/proc.html)

# Committee Votes

## Senate Committee on Education, Health and Environmental Affairs

The Senate Committee on Education, Health and Environmental Affairs considers bills on wildlife and animals in agricultural operations.

Committee Members	S.B. 417 (2004) Minimum Gate Size	H.B. 906 (2004) "Furbearer" Stamp	H.B. 679 (2003) Sunday Hunting	Score
Paula C. Hollinger (D-11) <b>Chair</b>	✓	✓	▼	2/3
Joan Carter Conway (D-43) <b>Vice Chair</b>	✓	✓	▼	2/3
Gwendolyn Britt (D-47)	✓	✓	✗	2/3
Richard Colburn (R-37)	✗	✓	✗	1/3
Roy Dyson (D-29)	✗	✓	✗	1/3
Janet Greenip (R-33)	✗	✗	✗	0/3
Sharon Grosfeld (D-18)	Sponsor	✓	❖	2/2
Andrew P. Harris (R-7)	✗	✗	▼	2/3
Paul G. Pinsky (D-22)	Cosponsor	✓	▼	2/3
Sandra B. Schrader (R-13)	✓	✓	✗	2/3
Norman R. Stone Jr. (D-6)	Cosponsor	✓	✗	2/3

# Committee Votes

## Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

The Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee took up several bills, including the animal fighting bill, which passed unanimously. The votes on animals as prizes and damages for pets are listed below.

Committee Members	S.B. 365 (2004) Animal Fighting	H.B. 7145 (2004) Injury to a Pet	H.B. 712 (2004) Animals As Prizes	Score
Brian E. Frosh (D-16) <b>Chair</b>	✓	✗	✗	1/3
Leo E. Green (D-23) <b>Vice Chair</b>	✓	✗	✓	2/3
James Brochin (D-42)	✓	✗	✗	1/3
Jennie M. Forehand (D-17)	✓	✗	✓	2/3
Robert J. Garagiola (D-15)	✓	✗	✗	1/3
John A. Giannetti Jr. (D-21)	Sponsor	✗	✗	1/3
Larry E. Haines (R-5)	✓	✗	✓	2/3
Ralph M. Hughes (D-40)	✓	✓	✗	2/3
Nancy Jacobs (R-34)	✓	✓	✗	2/3
Philip C. Jimeno (D-31)	✓	✓	✓	3/3
Alex X. Mooney (R-3)	✓	✗	✗	1/3

## House Environmental Matters Committee

The House Environmental Matters Committee considers bills on wildlife and animals in agricultural operations.

Committee Members	H.B. 498 (2004) Leghold Traps	H.B. 451 (2004) Bear Hunt Moratorium	H.B. 906 (2004) "Fairbearer" Stamp	H.B. 629 (2003) Bear Hunt	H.B. 755 (2003) Minimum Gestation Crate Size	H.B. 679 (2003) Sunday Hunting	Score
Maggie McIntosh (D-43) <b>Chair</b>	Doesn't ordinarily register a committee vote.						
James Malone Jr. (D-12A) <b>Vice Chair</b>	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	1/6
John Arnick (D-6)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0/6
Kumar Barve (D-17)	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	4/6
Elizabeth Bobo (D-12B)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	6/6
William Bronrott (D-16)	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	4/6
Rudolph Cane (D-37A)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0/6
Virginia Claggett (D-30)	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	5/6
John Cluster Jr. (R-8)	✗	✗	✗	✘	✘	✘	0/3
Barbara Frush (D-21)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	6/6
Barry Glassman (R-35A)	✗	✗	✗	✘	✘	✘	0/3
Patrick Hogan (R-3A)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0/6
Marvin Holmes (D-23B)	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	2/6
J. B. Jennings (R-7)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0/6
Tony McConkey (R-33A)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0/6
Karen Montgomery (D-14)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	6/6
George Owings III (D-27B)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0/6
Rosetta C. Parker (D-47)	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	4/6
Richard Sossi (R-36)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	1/6
Joan Stern (D-39)	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	5/6
Paul Stull (R-4A)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0/6
Michael Weir Jr. (D-6)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0/6

## House Judiciary Committee

The House Judiciary Committee considers bills that involve criminal prosecution or that are under the criminal code.

Committee Members	H.B. 24 (2004) Animal Fighting	H.B. 432 (2004) Dangerous Dogs Task Force	H.B. 712 (2004) Animals As Prizes	H.B. 1029 (2004) Inky's Bill	H.B. 1145 (2004) Injury to a Pet	Score
Joseph Vallario (D-27A) <b>Chair</b>	Doesn't ordinarily register a committee vote.					
Anthony Brown (D-25) <b>Vice Chair</b>	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	3/5
Carmen Amedori (R-5A)	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	3/5
Curt Anderson (D-43)	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	3/5
Jill Carter (D-41)	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	3/5
Kathleen Dumais (D-15)	❖	✗	✓	✗	✓	2/4
Don Dwyer (R-31)	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	3/5
Ana Sol Gutierrez (D-18)	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	3/5
William Louis Hennessy (R-28)	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	3/5
Darryl Kelley (D-26)	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	4/5
Kevin Kelly (D-1B)	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	3/5
Susan Lee (D-16)	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	3/5
Susan McComas (R-35B)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	5/5
Herb McMillan (R-30)	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	3/5
Pauline Menes (D-21)	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	4/5
Anthony O'Donnell (R-29C)	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	4/5
Carol Petzold (D-19)	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	4/5
Neil Quinter (D-13)	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	3/5
Christopher Shank (R-2B)	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	4/5
Luiz Simmons (D-17)	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	3/5
Theodore Sophocleus (D-32)	❖	❖	✓	✗	✓	2/3
Robert Zirkin (D-114)	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	3/5

## Important Interim Vote

### Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review

#### Committee Members

Committee Members	Bear Hunt Regulations
Sen. Paul G. Pinsky (D-22) (Senate Chair)	✓
Del. John F. Wood Jr. (D-29A) (House Chair)	✗
Sen. Gwendolyn T. Britt (D-47)	✓
Sen. James Brochin (D-42)	✓
Sen. Richard F. Colburn (R-37)	✗
Sen. Roy P. Dyson (D-29)	✗
Sen. Jennie M. Forehand (D-17)	▼
Sen. Robert J. Garagiola (D-15)	✗
Sen. Lisa A. Gladden (D-41)	✓
Sen. John J. Hafer (R-1)	✗
Sen. Sandra B. Schrader (R-13)	✓
Del. William A. Bronrott (D-16)	✓
Del. Jill Carter (D-41)	✓
Del. Jean B. Cryor (R-15)	✓
Del. Barry Glassman (R-35A)	✗
Del. Richard S. Madaleno Jr. (D-18)	✓
Del. Brian Moe (D-21)	✓
Del. Dan K. Morhaim (D-11)	✓
Del. Shane E. Pendergrass (D-13)	✓
Del. Mary Roe Walkup (R-36)	✗

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# Votes in the Maryland Senate

Senate Members	S.B. 417 (2004) Minimum State Size—Floor Vote, Sponsor & Cosponsor	S.B. 279 (2004) Leghold Traps— Cosponsor & Sponsor	S.B. 365 (2004) Animal Fighting—Floor Vote, Sponsor & Cosponsor	H.B. 679 (2003) Sunday Hunting—Floor Vote	Score %	Committee Score	Bear Hunt Regulations
John Astle (D-30)	✗		✓	✗	22%		
David Brinkley (R-24)	✗		✓	✗	22%		
Gwendolyn Britt (D-47)	Cosponsor	Cosponsor	Cosponsor	✓	100%	2/3	✓
Jim Brochin (D-42)	✓		Cosponsor	✗	56%	1/3	✓
Richard Colburn (R-37)	✗		✓	✗	22%	1/3	✗
Joan Carter Conway (D-43)	✓+		✓	▼	44%	2/3	
Ulysses Currie (D-25)	✓		✓	▼	44%		
James DeGrange Sr. (D-32)	✗		Cosponsor	✗	33%		
George Della Jr. (D-46)	✗		✓	✗	22%		
Roy Dyson (D-29)	✗		✓	✗	22%	1/3	✗
Nathaniel Exum (D-24)	✓		✓	▼	44%		
Jennie Forehand (D-17)	✓	Cosponsor	✓	✓	78%	2/3	▼
Brian Frosh (D-16)	✓		✓	✓	67%	1/3	
Rob Garagiola (D-15)	✓		Cosponsor	✗	56%	1/3	✗
John Giannetti Jr. (D-21)	✓		Sponsor	✗	56%	1/3	
Lisa Gladden (D-41)	✓	Cosponsor	✓	✗	56%		✓
Leo Green (D-23)	✓		✓	✗	44%	2/3	
Janet Greenip (R-33)	✗		✓	✗	22%	0/3	
Sharon Grosfeld (D-18)	Sponsor +	Sponsor	Cosponsor	✓+	100% +	2/2	
John Hafer (R-1)	✗		✓	✗	22%		✗
Larry Haines (R-5)	✗		✓	✗	22%	2/3	
Andrew P. Harris (R-7)	✗		✓	✓	44%	2/3	
Patrick Hogan (R-39)	✗		✓	✗	22%		
Paula C. Hollinger (D-11)	✓		✓	✗	44%	2/3	
J. Robert Hooper (R-35)	✗		✓	✓	44%		
Ralph Hughes (D-40)	✓		✓	✗	44%	2/3	
Nancy Jacobs (R-34)	✗		✓	✗	22%	2/3	
Philip Jimeno (D-31)	✗		Cosponsor	✗	33%	3/3	
Verna Jones (D-44)	Cosponsor	Cosponsor	✓	✓	89%		
Edward Kasemeyer (D-12)	✗		✓	✗	22%		
Delores Kelley (D-10)	✓		Cosponsor	✗	56%		
Robert Kittleman (R-9)	✗		✓	✗	22%		
Katherine Klausmeier (D-8)	✗		✓	✗	22%		
Rona Kramer (D-14)	✓		✓	✗	44%		
Gloria Lawlah (D-26)	✗		✓	✗	22%		
Nathaniel McFadden (D-45)	✓		✓	✗	44%		
Thomas Middleton (D-28)	✗		Cosponsor	✗	33%		
Thomas "Mike" Miller Jr. (D-27)	✗		✓	✗	22%		
Alexander Mooney (R-3)	✗		✓	✗	22%	1/3	
Donald Munson (R-2)	✗		✓	✗	22%		
Paul Pinsky (D-22)	Cosponsor	Cosponsor	✓	✓	89%	2/3	✓
E. J. Pipkin (R-36)	✗		✓	✗	22%		
Ida Ruben (D-20)	✓	Cosponsor	✓	✓	78%		
Sandra B. Schrader (R-13)	✓		Cosponsor	✓	78%	2/3	✓
J. Lowell Stoltzfus (R-38)	✗		✓	✗	22%		
Norman R. Stone Jr. (D-6)	Cosponsor		Cosponsor	✗	67%	2/3	
Leonard Teitelbaum (D-19)	✓	Cosponsor	Cosponsor	✓	89%		

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Carmen Amedori (R-5A)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%	3/5	
Curt Anderson (D-43)	✓		✓	✗			✗	36%	3/5	
John Arnick (D-6)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%	0/6	
Susan L. Aumann (R-42)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%		
Charles Barkley (D-39)	✓	Cosponsor	✓	✓	Cosponsor	Cosponsor	✓	100%		
Joseph Bartlett (R-4A)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%		
Kumar Barve (D-17)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%	4/6	
Gail Bates (R-9A)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%		
Joanne Benson (D-24)	✓		✓	✓	Cosponsor		✓	82%		
Elizabeth Bobo (D-12B)	✓	Cosponsor	✓	✓	Cosponsor	Cosponsor	✓	100%	6/6	
John Bohanan Jr. (D-29B)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%		
David Boschert (R-33A)	✓		✓	✓		Cosponsor	✗	64%		
Joseph C. Boteler (R-8)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%		
Charles Boutin (R-34A)	Sponsor		✘	✓			✗	56%		
K. Bennett Bozman (D-38B)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%		
Talmadge Branch (D-45)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%		
Eric Bromwell (D-8)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%		
William Bronrott (D-16)	✓	Cosponsor	✓	✓	Cosponsor	Cosponsor	✓	100%	4/6	✓
Anthony Brown (D-25)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%	3/5	
Emmett Burns Jr. (D-10)	✓		✓	✓			✓	72%		
Michael Busch (D-30)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%		
Joan Cadden (D-31)	✓		✓	✓			▼	55%		
Rudolph Cane (D-37A)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%	0/6	
Jon S. Cardin (D-11)	✓		✘	✓			✓	67%		
Jill Carter (D-41)	✓		✓	▼			✗	36%	3/5	✓
Galen Clagett (D-3)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%		
Virginia Clagett (D-30)	✓		✓	✓		Cosponsor	✓+	82%+	5/5	
John W. Cluster Jr. (R-8)	✓		✓	✓		Not in office	Not in office	75%	0/3	
Mary Conroy (D-23A)	✓	Cosponsor	▼	✓	Cosponsor		✓	73%		
Norman Conway (D-38)	✓		✓	✓			▼	55%		
Bob Costa (R-33B)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%		
Jean Cryor (R-15)	✓		✓	✓	Cosponsor	Cosponsor	✓	82%		✓
Clarence Davis (D-45)	✓		✗	✓			✓	55%		
Dereck Davis (D-25)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%		
Steven J. DeBoy Sr. (D-12A)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%		
John Donoghue (D-2C)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%		
Ann Marie Doory (D-43)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%		
Kathleen Dumais (D-15)	✓		✓	✓	Cosponsor		✓	82%	2/4	
Don Dwyer (R-31)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%	3/5	
Adelaide Eckardt (R-37B)	✓		✓	✓			▼	55%		
George Edwards (R-1A)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%		
Donald Elliot (R-4B)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%		
D. Page Elmore (R-38A)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%		
Brian Feldman (D-15)	✓	Cosponsor	✓	✓	Cosponsor	Cosponsor	✓	100%		
Peter Franchot (D-20)	✓		✓	✓			✓	73%		
William Frank (R-42)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%		
Barbara Frush (D-21)	✓	Sponsor	✓	✓	Sponsor	Sponsor	✓	100%+	6/6	

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Tony Fulton (D-40)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%		
Tawanna Gaines (D-22A)	✓		✓	✓	Cosponsor	✓	82%			
Terry Gilleland Jr. (R-32)	✓		✓	✓		Not in office	Not in office	75%		
Barry Glassman (R-35A)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%	0/3	✗
Marilyn Goldwater (D-16)	✓	Cosponsor	✦	✓	Cosponsor	Cosponsor	✓	100%		
Marshall T. Goodwin (D-40)	✓		✓	✓		✦	✦	75%		
Michael R. Gordon (D-17)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%		
Melony Griffith (D-25)	✓		✓	✓			▼	55%		
Ana Sol Gutierrez (D-18)	✓		✓	✓	Cosponsor		✓	64%	3/5	
Peter Hammen (D-46)	✓		✓	✓			✓	73%		
Hattie Harrison (D-45)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%		
Keith E. Haynes (D-44)	✓		▼	✓			✗	36%		
Anne Healey (D-22)	✓		✦	✓	Cosponsor		✓	78%		
Henry Heller (D-19)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%		
William L. Hennessy (R-28)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%	3/5	
Sheila Ellis Hixson (D-20)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%		
Patrick Hogan (R-3A)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%	0/6	
Marvin Holmes (D-23B)	✓		✓	✓			✓	73%	2/6	
Carolyn Howard (D-24)	▼		✓	✓			✓	55%		
James Hubbard (D-23A)	✓	Cosponsor	✓	✓	Cosponsor		✓	91%		
John Hurson (D-18)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%		
Rick Impallaria (R-7)	✓		✗	✗			✗	18%		
Mary-Dulany James (D-34A)	✦		✓	✓			▼	44%		
Sally Jameson (D-28)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%		
J. B. Jennings (R-7)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%	0/6	
Adrienne Jones (D-10)	✓		✓	✓			✓	73%		
A. Wade Kach (R-5B)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%		
Ann Kaiser (D-14)	✓		✓	✓	Cosponsor		✓	82%		
Darryl A. Kelley (D-26)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%	4/5	
Kevin Kelly (D-1B)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%	3/5	
Nancy King (D-39)	✓		✓	✓			✓	73%		
Ruth Kirk (D-44)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%		
Susan Krebs (R-9B)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%		
Carolyn Krysiak (D-46)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%		
Susan Lee (D-16)	✓	Cosponsor	✓	✓	Cosponsor	Cosponsor	✓	100%	3/5	
John Leopold (R-31)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%		
Mary Ann Love (D-32)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%		
Richard S. Madaleno (D-18)	✓	Cosponsor	✓	✓	Cosponsor	Cosponsor	✓	100%		✓
James Malone Jr. (D-12A)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%	1/6	
Adrienne Mandel (D-19)	✓		✓	✓		Cosponsor	✓	82%		
Salima Siler Marriott (D-40)	✓		✓	✓			▼	55%		
Susan McComas (R-35B)	✓		Sponsor	✓			✗	55%	5/5	
Tony McConkey (R-33A)	✓		✓	✓	Cosponsor		✗	55%	0/6	
Pat McDonough (R-7)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%		
Brian McHale (D-46)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%		
Maggie McIntosh (D-43)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%		

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Robert McKee (R-2A)	✓		✓	✓			✓	73%		
Herb McMillan (R-30)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%	3/5	
Pauline Menes (D-21)	✓		✓	✓			✓	73%	4/5	
Warren E. Miller (R-9A)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%		
“Sonny” Minnick (D-6)	✓		✓	✓			✗	36%		
Van Mitchell (D-28)	✓		✓	✓			▼	36%		
Brian Moe (D-21)	✓	Cosponsor	✓	✓		Cosponsor	▼	73%		✓
Karen Montgomery (D-14)	✓	Cosponsor	✓	✓	Cosponsor	Cosponsor	✓	100%	6/6	
Dan Morhaim (D-11)	✓		✓	✓			✓	73%		✓
Gareth Murray (D-20)	✓		✓	✓			✓	73%		
LeRoy E. Myers Jr. (R-1C)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%		
Shirley Nathan-Pulliam (D-10)	✓		▼	✓		Cosponsor	▼	45%		
Doyle Niemann (D-47)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%		
Nathaniel Oaks (D-41)	✓		▼	✓			✗	18%		
Anthony O'Donnell (R-29C)	✓		✗	✓			✗	36%	4/5	
George Owings III (D-27B)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%	0/6	
Jeffery Paige (D-44)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%		
Rosetta C. Parker (D-47)	❖	Cosponsor	✓	✓	Cosponsor		✗	67%	4/6	
Joanne Parrott (R-35A)	✓		✗	✓			✗	36%		
Obie Patterson (D-26)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%		
Shane Pendergrass (D-13)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%		✓
Carol Petzold (D-19)	✓		✓	✓		Cosponsor	✗	64%	4/5	
James Proctor Jr. (D-27A)	✓		✓	✓			▼	55%		
Neil Quinter (D-13)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%	3/5	
Victor Ramirez (D-47)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%		
Samuel Rosenberg (D-41)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%		
Justin Ross (D-22)	✓		✓	✓	Cosponsor	Cosponsor	▼	73%		
David Rudolph (D-34B)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%		
Christopher Shank (R-2B)	✓		✓	✓			✓	73%	4/5	
Luiz Simmons (D-17)	✓		✓	✓		Cosponsor	✓	82%	3/5	
Michael D. Smigiel (R-36)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%		
Theodore Sophocleus (D-32)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%	2/3	
Richard Sossi (R-36)	✓		✓	✓			✓	73%	1/6	
Joan Stern (D-39)	✓	Cosponsor	✓	✓	Cosponsor	Cosponsor	✓	100%	5/6	
Nancy R. Stocksdale (R-5)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%		
Paul Stull (R-4A)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%	0/6	
Herman Taylor (D-14)	✓	Cosponsor	✓	✓			✓	82%		
John G. Trueschler (R-42)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%		
Frank Turner (D-13)	✓		✓	✓	Cosponsor	Cosponsor	✓	91%		
Veronica Turner (D-26)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%		
Joseph Vallario Jr. (D-27A)	✓		✓	✓			▼	55%		
Michael Vaughn (D-24)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%		
Mary Roe Walkup (R-36)	✓		✓	✓			✓	73%		✗
Michael Weir Jr. (D-6)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%	0/6	
Richard Weldon Jr. (R-3B)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%		
John Wood Jr. (D-29A)	✓		✓	✓			✗	55%		
Robert Zirkin (D-11)	✓	Cosponsor	✓	✓			✓	82%	3/5	

same in the end. For more information on Inky, go to [www.snapfloat.com/inky.htm](http://www.snapfloat.com/inky.htm).

**Final Status:** This bill failed in the House Judiciary Committee. A ✓ indicates a vote in favor of the animals.

## What You Can Do

On these and other issues, the powerful influence of business and big money can overwhelm the interests of concerned citizens. So we must combine our efforts and amplify our voices to be sure legislators hear our message. With so many issues to consider over the session, we must make sure that the animals don't get lost in the fray. Fortunately, Maryland legislators are easily accessible and must answer directly to the people! We can't succeed in making real and positive change for animals without your active participation and that of thousands of Marylanders like you.

We hope you'll study this scorecard and use it as a tool to ensure that your legislators represent your interests in Annapolis. Let legislators know that you're watching and you appreciate their support of pro-animal legislation. If they haven't done enough, let them know you'd like to see them do more. Make phone calls, write letters, and visit them whenever you can. A short letter from you may change how they vote on a bill. The HSUS acknowledges the inherent limitations of judging

a legislator on the basis of a few select votes and cosponsorships. While many factors of public service are important, the votes recorded in this scorecard will have a tangible effect on animals. We hope you'll raise these issues in your dialogue with your legislators. Your efforts in bringing them to your legislators' attention may greatly improve their scores—and the lives of animals—in the future.

## What Else Can You Do?

Join the Humane Activist Network. This is



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or  
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**MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
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**THE HUMANE SOCIETY  
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